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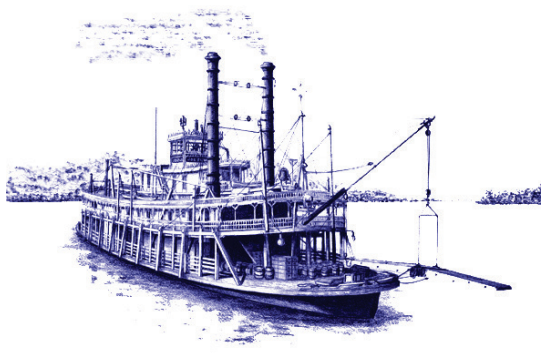

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Council asked to pick neutral name for new park

Recognizing DeBaptiste in park named for Costigan cited as inappropriate

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Several local residents attended Wednesday's Madison City Council meeting asking city officials to reverse a decision last month to name a new park on Madison's riverfront for 19th Century architect Francis Costigan.

The council received the property, located at 116 Poplar Street, by donation from the Historic Madison Foundation Inc. (HMI). Located between Bicentennial Park to the east, Kiwanis Park to the west and across Vaughn Drive from Lamplighter Park to the south, the site is currently under development with more than $1 million in state and local funding.

Plans for the site include a plaza with information about Costigan on the western side facing Poplar Street and HMI's Shrewsbury-Windle House, which along with the nearby Lanier State Historic Site, was designed by Costigan. The southern side of the property will include a second plaza facing the Ohio River and recognizing George DeBaptiste, Madison's most renowned conductor on the underground railroad, with a bronze bust created by a nationally-renowned sculpture. There will also be features recognizing Madison's industrial history, a pollinator garden and parking.

According to those speaking in opposition of the resolution, the issue is not so much that DeBaptiste, a Black man who helped free more than 300 slaves, and Costigan, a white architect, will share the park but that the park will be named for Costigan.

Jan Vetrhus, who has been involved in researching Madison's Black history and the underground railroad, apologized for not being at the December meeting to voice her objections then, but she was unaware naming the park was on the agenda.

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Winter Work Before Summer Fun

Above: Colder weather so far hasn't stalled progress on the new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park as work continues on the site. The new pool, being constructed by RL Turner Corporation, is due to open in May 2024.

Right: Construction continues on the new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park where the badly deterioriated Crystal Beach Pool that had been in place since 1938 was demolished and is being replaced by a $7.2 million modern aquatic park. After being without a pool for two summers, the new pool is scheduled to be completed by May just in time for the summer swimming season.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Imel named interim principal at Anderson

Replaces Prezier who resigned effective Jan. 4

BY BOB DEMAREE

Joyce Imel has come out of retirement and is back in leadership role with Madison Consolidated Schools, even if it's only for a semester as principal at Anderson Elementary School.

Joyce Imel

With the recent resignation of Kirstyn Prezier as Anderson principal, Imel has agreed to step in as interim principal throughout the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. She was officially hired at Wednesday's meeting of the Madison Consolidated School Board of Trustees.

Imel was in attendance at the meeting, where MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown talked about the appointment. "I greatly appreciate her for being willing to take this on," said Brown. "I've already heard some outstanding comments coming out of Anderson, helping to restore stability and peace. We greatly appreciate your time and expertise."

In a letter sent Thursday to Anderson Elementary staff, students and families, Brown said, "Over the break, Ms. Prezier informed me of her intention to resign her position effective Jan. 4, 2024." Prezier was hired as assistant principal at Anderson Elementary in August of 2020 then promoted to principal in July of 2022.

"While any change can be difficult, my team and I are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible and are excited about the opportunity we have before us for our students, staff and Anderson Elementary family," said Brown, adding that assistant principal Adam Jones will be continuing in that role.

Imel has more than 53 years of experience in education — 51.5 in the Madison school district. She has served as a reading interventionist at Anderson the last year and a half.

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MLK DAY CLOSINGS

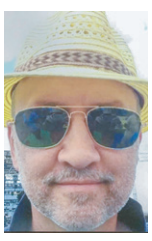
- All offices for the city of Madison, town of Hanover and Jefferson County will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The Madison closing on Monday includes trash, recycling and compost that will be delayed one day the week of Jan. 15-19.

- The town of Hanover municipal building will also be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while the utility office staff attend training. Utility bills due Jan. 15 will be picked up from the drop box at the end of that day so that those who pay on time will not be penalized.
- All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 13, through Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- U.S. Postal Service facilities will be closed for retail transactions on Monday, Jan. 15, and there will be no residential or business deliveries. Normal delivery and collection schedules will resume Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- Schools in the Madison and Southwestern school corporations and Prince of Peace Schools are closed on Monday, but students at Canaan Academy will attend classes on their normal schedule.

Master list of area musicians now available

Beginning this week, you can go to MadisonMusic.org and view a master list of Madison musicians, bands, and bars/venues, both present and past. Just visit the website and click on the button that says "The Big List."



CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

You'll find the list is quite exhaustive and a lot of fun to read. If you grew up around this area you'll fondly remember many of the players, band names, and long-gone music hot spots that form the backbone of our musical heritage. But the list is by no means complete. You'll also find a simple online form where you can suggest names and places that still need to be added. We need your help to fill in the gaps.

The Big List is the brainchild of Kim Nyberg, director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance and a board member with the Madison Music Movement. You may recall previous Charlie's Beat columns where I talked about Madison becoming part of the American Music Triangle, an association of towns and cities (mostly southern) that represent the historic foundations of blues and American music.

Madison was fortunate enough (and we have the bona fides) to be invited to join the Triangle, which is fundamentally a tourism marketing concept, designed to attract people who want to experience America's musical heritage. But part of being in the Triangle is demonstrating our community's history and our place among the other famous towns, like Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and Clarksdale, Mississippi. That's where The Big List comes into play.

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THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Friday, Jan. 12

- **The Central -** Smokin' Jokers
- **Rivertown Grill -** The Mood
- **1st Street Saloon -** Jordan Wilson
- **The Drake -** Anthony Ray Wright
- **The Taproom -** Radio Face
- **Trinity Methodist -** Duo Giusto (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan. 13

- **The Central -** Legacy
- **The Moose -** Joe & Deano
- **The Taproom -** Jimmy Davis Band
- **Red Bicycle Hall -** Shelby Lore Band
- **1st Street Saloon -** DJ Nate

Sunday, Jan. 14

- **Rivertown Grill -** Music TBA

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KSP trooper fights for his life in battle with suspect

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Firefighters are being credited with helping save a trooper who was allegedly being strangled by a suspect during an incident on Thursday, Jan. 4 in Henry County, according to a citation filed by Kentucky State Police.

Jeromy D. Clark

The suspect, Jeromy D. Clark, 35, of Crestwood Drive, Crestwood, Kentucky, is facing a number of charges including first-degree strangulation following the harrowing incident that took place on Pendleton Road, according to the citation.

In his citation, the trooper recounted what he says happened after he pulled over Clark for allegedly not wearing a seat belt around 6:30 p.m.

After pulling him over, the trooper says Clark fled on foot into the woods behind the Dollar General store at 880 Pendleton Road.

The trooper said he deployed his Taser with minimal effect while chasing Clark and eventually taking him to the ground, according to the citation.

Once on the ground, the trooper said Clark "wrapped his arms around my neck, placing me into a chokehold," according to the citation, noting that Clark "continued to choke me until I could feel the blood in my neck stop flowing and became lightheaded, about to pass out."

The trooper says he was able to break Clark's grip right before he passed out, slide to his back and wrap around [Clark's] chest area with Clark below him.

"Mr. Clark continued to reach and strike back towards me," the trooper says in his citation.

"I struck Mr. Clark several times in the face and head with my radio, giving commands to stop resisting and lay flat on the ground.

"Mr. Clark continue to resist and stuck his hands in my mouth. I held onto Mr. Clark with his hands in my mouth as he was laying back on me. Mr. Clark's blood and my blood soaked my uniform."

The trooper said Clark continued to struggle until two unidentified firefighters arrived and helped him place Clark in handcuffs, according to the citation.

The trooper said following the struggle, he located a jacket Clark was wearing when he fled and found suspected methamphetamine in the jacket's pocket, according to the citation.

Clark was taken into custody and ordered held on $30,000 cash bail.

He was scheduled to appear Wednesday in Henry District Court for a preliminary hearing.

Along with first-degree strangulation, charges against Clark include failure to wear a seat belt; first-degree fleeing from police; resisting arrest; third-degree assault on a police officer; third-degree criminal mischief; third offense or greater first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia; and tampering with evidence.

Along with those charges, Clark was indicted Dec. 14, 2023 on methamphetamine charges in Owen County.

Clark is also facing charges for hindering prosecution in Trimble County for allegedly helping a suspect hide from police in a barn in Bedford, according to court records.

LIST

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"We need to document our long history of being a vibrant music town," says Kim Nyberg, "all the way back to our earliest days when so many musicians arrived here by riverboat. Compiling a master list, going back as far as we can, provides a kind of proof and helps tell our unique story."

But Kim is a busy woman, with a lot of irons in the fire. So when it came time to implement her list idea, she tapped a close friend who was willing to lend a hand. Margee Rogers has deep roots in Jefferson County, and she was eager to dive in and take on the project.

"My family has owned land near Hanover since 1916," explains Margee. "We used to visit a lot when I was a kid, and I have many fond memories of the Ohio Theatre and downtown Madison. When my husband and I retired, we decided to spend more time here and we are building a house out on the old family property.

"And so naturally, I wanted to get involved in the community and start meeting some of the very interesting people who make Madison special. One of the first things I did was talk Jane Vonderheide into cutting my hair. She doesn't normally do women's hair, but I keep mine so short it's really a men's cut.

"The other thing I did was volunteer for any organizations that might need some help. That's how I came to know Kim Nyberg at the Arts Alliance. I just adore Kim, so when she said she needed a volunteer on the list project, I jumped at the chance.

"It's been a lot of fun, and I've met so many cool people, which is the point, as I mentioned. I started with Rusty Bladen and he got the list totally going with lots of great info. Then I visited John Nyberg at the History Center to pore through those archives. There I learned how much the early Chautauqua festivals played into our musical heritage.

"Let's see, that led me to Charlie Schnabel and he told me about many of the older musicians and bands that used to play in town. And finally I talked to Joe Perkinson, who I believe has personally played in about half the bands in Madison, at one time or another.

"The list is by no means complete, there are still many people and places that can be added. But we have it off to a very respectable start, I'd say. It was a lot of fun doing it, and I think people will have a lot of fun reading it over and jogging their memories. Let us know who we missed, we want to make The Big List the very biggest and best it can be."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

After a slow-ish weekend last week, Madison is back baby! No fewer than 15 live music options, starting Wednesday through Sunday, plus a couple of Karaoke nights thrown in for good measure. If you like classical music, you'll want to check out the concert on Friday evening at Trinity Methodist Church. Those Performing Arts Foundation shows are always top quality. If you're looking for a true rock and roll music hall experience, the Shelby Lore Band at Red Bicycle Hall on Saturday will blow your socks off, guaranteed. They played at the MadHop Festival this year, and the crowd went wild. Tickets are at RedBicycleHall.com. And finally, the Taproom has music both Friday and Saturday nights this week, and there is no better hang anywhere in the world, just my opinion. Check it out and judge for yourself.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

Four Republicans file candidacies

BY BOB DEMAREE

The filing period for this year's elections opened on Wednesday, and so far four candidates have entered the Republican primary in Jefferson County.

Meghan Hoskins, the incumbent County Treasurer, will be seeking a full four-year term after she was elected by a Republican caucus to replace Melinda Klopp, who retired, in the fall of 2022 .

Heather White, currently serving as the county's human resources director, has filed for County Recorder and Joshua Webb, vice chair of the Jefferson County Republican Party, has filed for County Coroner.

David Carlow has also filed as a delegate/committeeman to the Indiana Republican Convention.

Filing will continue through Friday, Feb. 9, at noon.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

January 8, 2024

- Amanda Jo Beard, 41, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

January 9, 2024

- Macklin Bowie Arnold, 37, on two Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear. Bond $5,250 cash.
- Elgin Andrew Fidell, 35, for Theft, a Level 6 felony (no bond); and on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond $250 cash.
- Jeremy Lee Owens, 36, to serve 2 days jail, concurrent, on a weekender sentencing. No bond.

January 10, 2024

- Rank Carter, 39, to hold on a Level 6 felony parole warrant. No bond.
- Michael M. Newton, 32, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $2,500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

January 8, 2024

- Brian K. Updegraff, 65. Madison, to an amended charge of Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation and $289.50 in fees and court costs and defendant must obtain a valid driver's license during term of probation.
- Cirilo Perez-Quintas, 36, Shelbyville, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.
- Jonathon Raymond Grunden-Durham, 30, North Vernon, Indiana, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.
- Fabian Perez, 26, Hanover, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.
- Shawn Michael Rush, 19, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $389 in fees and court costs.
- Jonathon Daniel Thomas, 38, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus $589 in fees and court costs.
- Morgan Renee Tingle, 21, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $389 in fees and court costs.
- James Wesley Howard Terry, 35, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 176 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus $189 in fees and court costs.
- Billy Wayne Roberts, 41, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $389 in fees and court costs.
- Louis A. Sanchez Hernandez, 28, Deputy, Indiana, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail PLUS $189.50 in fees and court costs.

January 9, 2024

- Kayla Michelle Crawn, 25, Madison, violated of probation by failing to return to Indiana (Criminal Confinement, Level 4 felony). Court revokes 365 days of suspended sentence at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 80 days jail served.
- Sterling Wayne Johnson, 24, Hanover, violated of probation by failing drug test (Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, Level 6 felony). Court revokes 368 days of suspended sentence at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 126 day jail served.
- Eugene Louis Dean, 36, Charleston, Indiana, Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days of supervised probation plus $339.50 in fees and court costs and loss of license for 30 days.
- Natron Scott Mahoney, 25, Hanover, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 128 days served and 237 days suspended to supervised probation plus $339 in fees and court costs.
- Steven Ray Perry, 48, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail consecutive to prior sentencing, served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.
- David Lyle Murray, 27, Austin, Indiana, to an amended charge of Obstructing Traffic, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 8 days served and 172 days suspended for non-reporting probation plus $239.50 in fees and court costs.
- Charles Michael Miller, 54, Madison, Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 10 days jail, served, plus $239.50 in fees and court costs.
- Ashley N. Renecker, 34, Madison, for Harboring a Non-Immunized Dog, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail; plus $239 in fees and court costs.
- Steven Ray Perry, 48, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 12 days served and 48 days (24 actual) to serve plus $239 in fees and court costs.
- Jennifer Lynne Barstead, 46, Scottsburg, Indiana, for Criminal Conversion, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $239 in fees and court costs.
- Elizabeth Smith, 54, Scottsburg, Indiana, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 58 days served concurrent to 58 days jail, with 487 suspended to supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.
- Samuel Isaac Melton, 45, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to probation plus $339 in fees and court costs.
- Dalton David Lee Ashcraft, 22, Madison, to Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail, served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

January 9, 2024

- James E. Ball and Carol Sue Ball to Kristie Lynn Ball Osborne, Virginia Ball, Michael Brent Ball and James E. Ball and Carol Sue Ball (life estate), 1392 South Thompson Road, Lexington.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:57 a.m.
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Temperature: High 47, Low 34, Mean 40.5, Excess 10.3
Precipitation since last published: 1.57
Precipitation, January 2024: 1.88
Precipitation, 2024: 1.88
Barometer: 29.65, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 430.74, Rising
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 30/Low 13; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 19/Low 11; Monday (MLK Day): Mostly cloudy High 17/Low 10; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 14/Low 5.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 12-29-30-35-43-46 (1/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: $2.8 million. Next Drawing (1/13).
Cash Five: 1-14-17-26-38 (1/10)
Cash 4 Life: 14-16-40-47-58 CB: 4 (1/10)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 9-15-26-30 CB 11 (1/10)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 4-5-19-21-36 (1/10)
Lucky For Life: 2-3-15-22-30 LB: 14 (1/10)
MEGAMILLIONS: 12-15-32-33-53
MB: 24, MP x3 (1/9). Next Jackpot: $187 million. Next Drawing (1/12)
POWERBALL: 24-40-43-48-50 PB: 11, **PP 2 (1/10). Next Estimated Jackpot:** $77 million. Next Drawing (1/13)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 2-7-27-**34-51PB:** 19 (1/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/13)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have follow-up questions.

JAN. 12
David Brent

JAN. 14
Dave Taylor

JAN. 15
Linda Barbeau
Rhonda Sauley

JAN. 16
Wayne Engle
Sara Minor
Aaron Paul Wood

JAN. 17
Lisa Crutchfield

JAN. 18
Kim Nyberg
Tiffany Poling

OBITUARIES

Mark Allen Wilkerson

Mark Allen Wilkerson, 62, of Madison, entered this life on Feb. 22, 1961 in Madison. He was the loving son of Fred Kirby "Fritz" and Hazel Jean Curry Wilkerson. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County and graduated in 1979 from Southwestern High School where he played junior varsity and varsity basketball. He graduated from Vincennes University with a degree in Air Craft Maintenance.

On Aug. 29, 1981, Mark was united in marriage to Kingsley Renee Hall at the Wirt Baptist Church. This happy union of 42 years was blessed with a daughter, Ashley Nicole and a son Jordan Allen. Mark enjoyed anything with aviation, a love that he learned from his father. He worked as an Aviation Mechanic Inspector for the Madison Municipal Airport and for American Air Lines in Cincinnati.

Early in life, he was an auto body man having worked for Jim Hadley Chevrolet in Madison and Arbuckle Chevrolet in Scottsburg. He had also owned and operated his own auto body repair shop called "Aero Color Body Shop" refurbishing, and refinishing planes, as well as annuals and maintenance.

He enjoyed membership in the Madison Moose Lodge No. 765 and the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524. He worshiped at Wirt Baptist Church and enjoyed being called Pop Pop by his grandchildren. Marks love for flying had him solo at the age of 16 and at the ages of ten and fourteen he helped his father rebuild no less than three Cubs and Champs. Mark bought his first plane at the age of 19 and finished building and then flew it for many years and it was a Fly Baby. Mark had many proud moments in his career, several being his meeting former astronaut Neil Armstrong, purchasing a plane that was once owned by Jimmy Buffett and many other personalities in the world.

Mark died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at 2:15 p.m. at the Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mark will be missed by his loving wife of 42 years, Kingsley Renee Hall Wilkerson of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Ashley Nicole Wilkerson and her companion, Patrick Ryan Scholl of Madison, IN; his loving son, Jordan Allen Wilkerson and his wife, Angela of Kansas City, Kansas; his beloved grandchildren, Patrick Flynn Scholl, Farryn Lorraine Wilkerson, Calvin Glenn Wilkerson and Florence Sija Wilkerson; his loving mother, Hazel Jean Curry Wilkerson and her companion, Bob Cooper of Madison, IN; his brother, Fred Kenneth Wilkerson and his wife, Karen of Madison, IN; his father in law and mother in law, Glenn L. and Esther Hall of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Deni McConnell and her husband, Tom of Pittsburgh, PA; his nephews and his nieces, William Kirby Wilkerson and his wife, Jamie, Kayla Ann Wilkerson Schoenstein and her husband, John, Trace McConnell and Riley McConnell; his uncles and his aunts, Arnold and Ruth Curry, Roy and Diane Davis, Carol Curry; numerous cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Kirby "Fritz" Wilkerson, died Oct. 22, 2011, his grandparents, Fred B. Wilkerson, Gertrude Rogers Wilkerson Miles, Albert Miles, Clinton and Loretta Dunning Curry, and his uncle, Leroy "Lee" Curry.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Troy Hedges at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main St., Hanover, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 3-6 p.m at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main St. in, Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Wilkerson Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Dr. David Elleman Kinyon

Dr. David Elleman Kinyon, 75, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on May 31, 1948 in Richmond, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Edgar James and Francis Elizabeth Elleman Kinyon. David died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at 6:43 p.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana with his wife and daughter by his side.

David will be forever missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Jean of Madison, IN, his children, Scott Kinyon of Hanover, IN, Briana Strickland and her husband Rick, of Denham Springs, LA, Gayle Fearday and her husband Gregg of Spotsylvania, VA, and Marjorie Pimlott and her husband Doug, of Waukesha, WI, his grandchildren, Chloe Pimlott and Callan Pimlott.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar James Kinyon, died Feb. 16, 1997 and his mother, Francis Elizabeth Elleman Kinyon, died July 11, 2001.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Dennis Bickers at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Dr., Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth St., downtown Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. and Monday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Madison Community Concert Band or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Bro. Joe Clyde McKay

Bro. Joe Clyde McKay, 92, of Clarksville, Indiana and formerly of Henryville, Indiana, entered this life on July 18, 1931 in Moorefield, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Royal Clyde and Anna Fagg McKay. Joe passed peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at 9:48 p.m. into the arms of his Savior at the Lincoln Hills Health Care Center in New Albany, Indiana.

Bro. Joe will be missed by his loving son, Eric McKay and his wife, Teresa of Winter Haven, FL; his loving daughters, Brenda Gittner and her husband, Fred of Otisco, IN, Rhonda Bowyer and her husband, Bro. Jim Bowyer of Louisville, KY, Carol Ann Hargett and her husband, Mike of Fairborn, OH, Darlene Adams and her husband, Carlin of Burlington, KY; his sister in law, Mary Charlotte May and her husband, Carlos of Hanover, IN; his grandchildren, John, Linda Jo, Tammy, David, Mark, Joleen, J.D, Michelle, Nicholas, Kyle and Katie; his great grandchildren, Cheryl, Jerret, Lauren, Shane, Ian, Ethan, Brody, Braxton, Bryce, Bryson, Sasha, and Lucy; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Royal Clyde McKay; his mother, Anna Fagg McKay; his beloved wife of 60 years, Velma Jo Banta McKay, died Jan. 11, 2011; his brothers, Ralph E. McKay, Frank Wade McKay, Clarence Guy McKay, Arthur William McKay, and Clifford Jerome "Jerry" McKay; his sisters, Mary Ida Wentworth, Robena Elva "Bee" Armes, Rebecca Lucille "Lute" Liter, Emme Lou Hartley, and Phoebe Anna Hensley.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Bro. Jim Bowyer at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Dr., Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery, 800 East Main Street in Vevay, Indiana.

Friends may visit Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Louisville Bible College. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Howard Casey Axl Pike

Howard Casey Axl Pike, 29, of Lexington, Indiana entered into life March 18, 1994 in Franklin, Indiana. He was the loving son of Jerry Dale and Melissa Dawn White Pike. Casey died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at 7:50 a.m. in Carlisle, Indiana.

Casey will be missed by his father, Jerry Dale Pike of Madison, IN; his mother, Melissa Dawn White Pike of Lexington, IN; his brother, Jerry Randall Pike and his wife, Stephanie of Scottsburg, IN; his sister, Alyssa Lynn Pike and her fiancée, Aaron Castillo of Cannelton, IN; his nieces and his nephews, Raileigh, Brianna, Gabriel, Jezabelle, Sebastian, Noah, Ryder, and Blake-Lynn; his aunts and his uncles, Billy Joe Cline of Madison, IN, LaRanda Cooper of Edinburgh, IN, Lesley Lynn and Robert Gardner of Las Vegas, NV April Dawn and Troy Scruggs of Las Vegas, NV, Kevin Dale Shoopman of Las Vegas, NV, Wendy Mae Cowan of Las Vegas, NV; his grandma, Brenda Wolf of Madison, IN; his grandparents, Leslie and Barbara White of Las Vegas, NV; numerous cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Randy Pike.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Mike Shuler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Dr., Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Casey Pike Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Christopher Allen Keller

Christopher Allen Keller, 46 of Madison, Indiana, entered this life on July 2, 1977 in Madison, Indiana. Christopher was the son of Steven Allen Keller and Jacqueline "Jackie" Louise Stakelin Moorman. Christopher passed away on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 at 4:18 a.m. at this residence in Madison, Indiana

Christopher will be missed by his mother, Jacqueline "Jackie" Louise Stakelin Moorman and her husband, Daniel of Carrollton, KY; his father, Steven Allen Keller of Greensburg, IN; his companion, Paula Boldery of Madison, IN; his daughters, Kitana Keller of Carrollton, KY, Kellie McCullen of Madison, IN; his sons, Joshua Keller of NC, Jamal Keller of Shelbyville, KY, Chance Robertson of Madison, IN; his sister, Amy Higgins (Benny) of Gladwin, MI; his brothers, Marcus Keller and Jordan Keller of Greensburg, IN; his aunts and uncles, Cindy Ehlers (Tim) of Milton, KY, Charles Stakelin (Mary) of Milton, KY, Robert Stakelin of Owensboro, KY; his nephews, Jeffery and Devin; his niece, Olivia.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Mark and Rosie Keller, William & Patsy Conover; his aunt, Patti Spurr.

Memorial service will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Dennis Bickers at the North Madison Baptist Church, 1906 Orchard St., Madison, Indiana.

Friends may call Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the North Madison Baptist Church in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christopher Allen Keller Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the funeral home or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Robert Frederick 'Bob' Glass

Robert Frederick "Bob" Glass, 82, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on Oct. 6, 1941 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Charles Frederick "Pete" and Juanita Jeannette Steinmetz Glass. Bob passed peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at 4:19 a.m. at his home in Madison, Indiana with his loving family at his side.

Bob will be missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Judith Lynn Render Glass of Madison, IN; his beloved daughter, Shannon Lee Glass and her companion, David Stucker of Madison, IN; his loving granddaughter, Alicia Ricketts and her husband, Zach of Madison, IN; his adoring great grandchildren, Elsie, Henry, and Everett; three nephews and one niece; his brother in law, John Render and his wife, Lynn of Beaver Dam, KY; his sister in law, Rachel Schmidt of Georgetown, KY.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Frederick "Pete" Glass; his mother, Juanita Jeanette Steinmetz Glass, and his sister, Mary Louise Glass Grimes.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Karen VanderPloeg at the Madison Presbyterian Church, 202 Broadway St., downtown Madison, Indiana. Private family interment will follow at a later date in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth St., Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Madison Presbyterian Church, 202 Broadway St., downtown Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Back Sack Program in care of the House of Hope or Sandy's Kids Kloset in care of the Madison Presbyterian Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Kathy Marie 'Kat' Jackson Aldridge

Kathy Marie "Kat" Jackson Aldridge, 67, of Bedford, Kentucky entered this life on March 31, 1956 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Sidney and Janet Estes Jackson. Kathy died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at 10:01 a.m. at her home in Bedford.

Kathy will be missed by her son, Robert Stivers of Prestonville, KY; her daughter, Janet Abbott (Theresa Brown) of Bedford, KY; her grandchildren, Jeffrey Newton, Heaven Newton, Brittany Newton, Bradley Newton, Kyria Stivers, and Kiden Stivers; her great grandchildren, Harper Bynum, Dreamer Hamilton, Dakota Hamilton, Harmony Newton, Christian Hunt, Karaline Monday, and Kenzie Morrell; her brother, Curtis Jackson and his wife, Debbie of Bedford, KY; four her sisters, Brenda Hewitt of Carrollton, KY, Linda Rucker of Bedford, KY, Joyce Brewer and her husband, John Wayne (') of Bedford, KY; Lisa Moore and her husband, John of Carrollton, KY; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sidney Jackson; her mother, Janet Estes Hipster; her three husbands, Leo Stivers, Raymond Beach, and Mike Aldridge; her brother, Denny Jackson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Mark Payton at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Dr., Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Kent Cemetery in Kent, Indiana. Friends may visit Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kathy Aldridge Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Lisa Renee Larew Dalgleish

Lisa Renee Larew Dalgleish, 49, of Madison, Indiana, entered this life on Nov. 24, 1974 in Lafayette, Indiana. She was the daughter of Rex Larew and Vada Catherine "Cathy" Asbury Sager. Lisa died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at 1:09 p.m. at the Norton Womens and Childrens Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Lisa will be missed by her husband, Brian John Dalgleish of Madison, IN; her daughters, Cora Keel of Greenwood, IN, Layla Keel of Greenwood, IN; her sister, Angelia Farris of Dover, IN; her aunt, Bobbie Jean Watson of Crawfordsville, IN; her uncles, James Thomas Asbury of Indianapolis, IN, Ronald Dean Brown of Crawfordsville, IN; her father in law and mother in law, John W. "Jack" and Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Kalb Dalgleish of Madison, IN; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rex Larew, and Vada Catherine Asbury Sager, her brother, Jonathan Frederick Nipper, her uncle, Jay Curtis Cline, her sister in law, Sara K. Dalgleish.

Lisa chose cremation with no service to be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to donor's favorite charity. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Tamara Gwen "Tammy" Beach, 75, of Carrollton, KY, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, in Edgewood, KY. Funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 11, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral.com.

Douglas E. Brown, 66, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Joyce J. Halcomb, 92, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Virginia "Betty" May Brooks Partin, 93, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, in Fort Thomas, KY. Arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral.com.

Joan F. Baxter Tolliver, 89, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at Signature Healthcare in Carrollton. Funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 6, at Carrollton Wesleyan Church in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral.com.

BEETLE BAILEY

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN BEETLE'S EYES?
NO ONE HAS
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MUST HAVE SEEN THEM
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WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT?
DR. I. BALLS
GREG+MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

WOULD YOU MIND HOLDING FOR A FEW MINUTES?
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
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NO, YOU REALLY DON'T
BY THE WAY, DO YOU LIKE WORKING PHONE SUPPORT?
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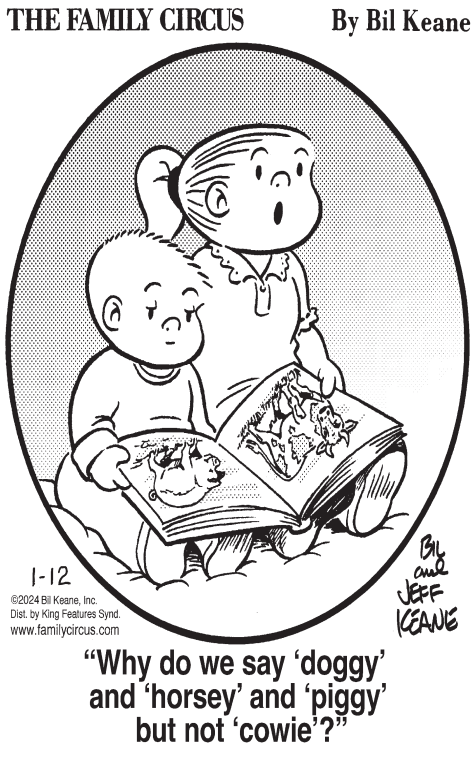
ARE YOU KIDDING? SOME PEOPLE GET SO FRUSTRATED, IT'S ALMOST ENTERTAINING!
DENIS MARSHALL

FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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By and JEFF KEANE
"Why do we say 'doggy' and 'horsey' and 'piggy' but not 'cowie'?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

HI & LOIS

WHEN I GET OLDER, I'M GONNA PLAY GUITAR, TOO!
ARE YOU TRYING TO COPY ME?
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HECK, NO. I'M GOING TO BE WAY BETTER THAN YOU.
ERIC REYNOLDS
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BABY BLUES

HEADS UP. WREN HAS A COLD.
STAY AWAY FROM HER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET SICK AND MISS A WEEK OF SCHOOL.
HEY, WREN!
ZING!
HAMMIE'S TEACHER OWES ME A FAVOR NOW.
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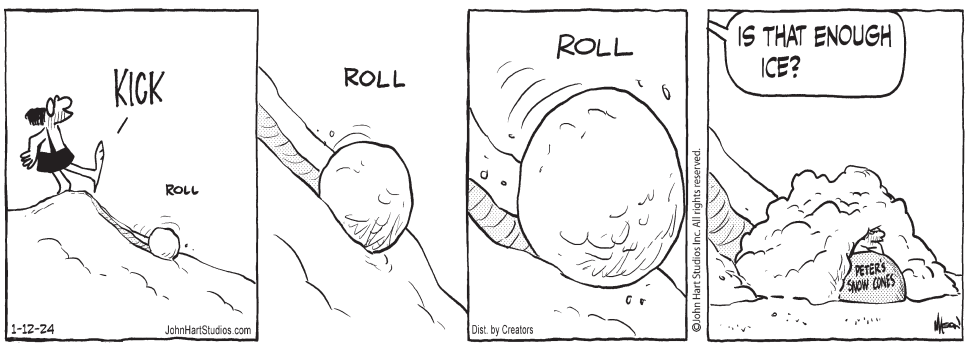

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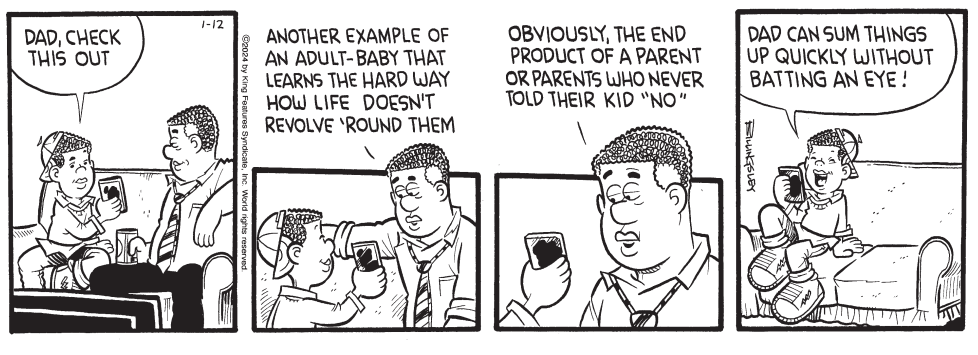
DAD, CHECK THIS OUT
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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF AN ADULT-BABY THAT LEARNS THE HARD WAY HOW LIFE DOESN'T REVOLVE 'ROUND THEM
OBVIOUSLY, THE END PRODUCT OF A PARENT OR PARENTS WHO NEVER TOLD THEIR KID "NO"
DAD CAN SUM THINGS UP QUICKLY WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE!
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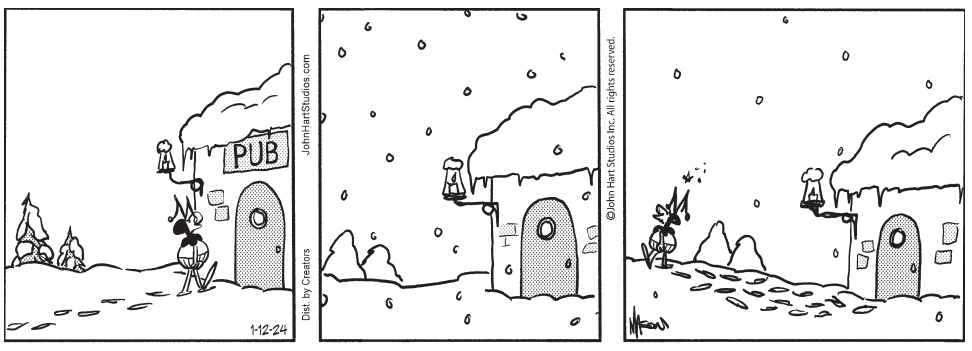

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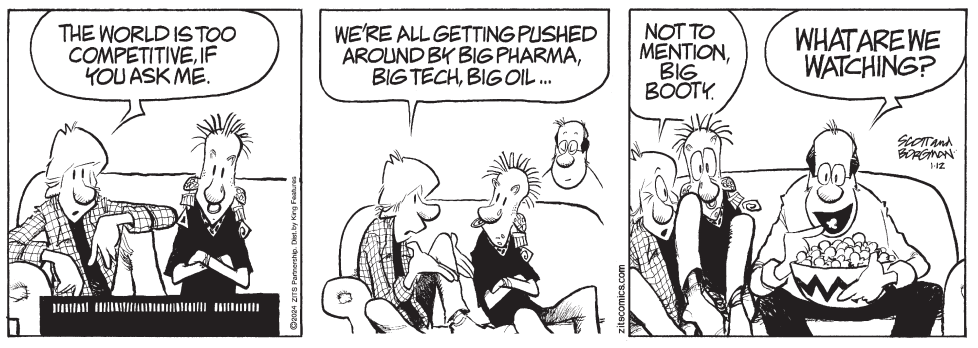
THE WORLD IS TOO COMPETITIVE, IF YOU ASK ME.
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WE'RE ALL GETTING PUSHED AROUND BY BIG PHARMA, BIG TECH, BIG OIL ...
NOT TO MENTION, BIG BOOTY.
WHAT ARE WE WATCHING?
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 1-12
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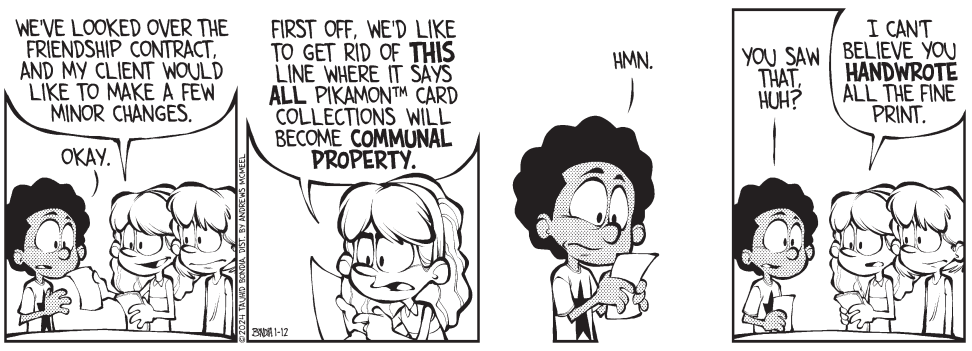
CRABGRASS


WE'VE LOOKED OVER THE FRIENDSHIP CONTRACT, AND MY CLIENT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW MINOR CHANGES.
OKAY.
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FIRST OFF, WE'D LIKE TO GET RID OF THIS LINE WHERE IT SAYS ALL PIKAMON™ CARD COLLECTIONS WILL BECOME COMMUNAL PROPERTY.
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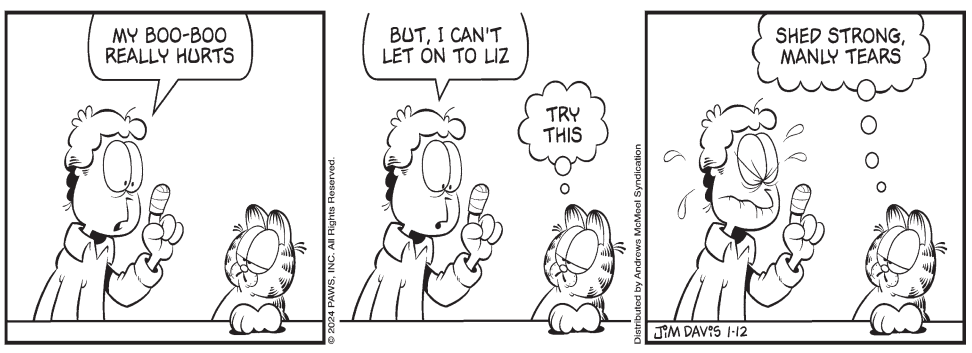
HMN.
YOU SAW THAT, HUH?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HANDWROTE ALL THE FINE PRINT.

GARFIELD


MY BOO-BOO REALLY HURTS
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BUT, I CAN'T LET ON TO LIZ
TRY THIS
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SHED STRONG, MANLY TEARS
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FORT KNOX

YOU EMPTIED YOUR PIGGY BANK SO I COULD FIND SOMETHING WITH MY METAL DETECTOR??
THAT'S RIGHT, DONALD.
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I FELT BAD THAT YOU WEREN'T FINDING ANYTHING.
YOU'RE A GOOD BROTHER...
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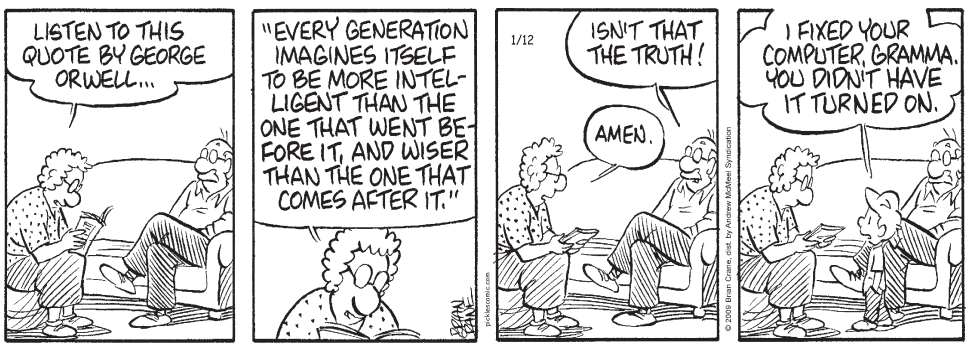
AND I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU YOUR MONEY BACK.
ALL OF IT?
HALF OF IT.

PICKLES


LISTEN TO THIS QUOTE BY GEORGE ORWELL...
"EVERY GENERATION IMAGINES ITSELF TO BE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN THE ONE THAT WENT BEFORE IT, AND WISER THAN THE ONE THAT COMES AFTER IT."
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ISN'T THAT THE TRUTH!
AMEN.
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I FIXED YOUR COMPUTER, GRAMMA. YOU DIDN'T HAVE IT TURNED ON.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette — it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. Aircraft from U.S. Task Force 38 sank about 40 Japanese ships off Indochina.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped.

In 1969, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Illinois v. Wardlow, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake; the Haitian government said 316,000 people were killed, while a report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development suggested the death toll may have been between 46,000 and 85,000.

In 2013, the NHL's four-month lockout finally ended as the league and the players' association completed signing a required memorandum of understanding.

In 2016, Iran detained 10 American sailors and their two small Navy boats after the boats drifted into Iranian waters; the sailors and their vessels were released the following day.

In 2018, sportscaster Keith Jackson, best known as the down-home voice of college football, died; he was 89.

In 2022, Ronnie Spector, who sang 1960s hits including "Be My Baby" as leader of the girl group The Ronettes, died at 78 after a brief battle with cancer.

In 2023, Lisa Marie Presley, the only child of Elvis Presley and a singer-songwriter dedicated to her father's legacy, died at age 54.

Today's birthdays: The Amazing Kreskin is 89. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 85. Actor Anthony Andrews is 76. Movie director Wayne Wang is 75. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 73. Writer Walter Mosley is 72. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 72. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 70. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 67. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 66. Actor Oliver Platt is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins is 64. Entrepreneur Jeff Bezos is 60. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 59. Actor Olivier Martinez is 58. Model Vendela is 57. Actor Rachael Harris is 56. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 54. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 54. Actor Zabryna Guevara is 52. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 51. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 50. Contemporary Christian singer Jeremy Camp is 46. Actor Cynthia Addai-Robinson is 44. R&B singer Amerie is 44. Actor Issa Rae is 39. Actor Will Rothhaar is 37. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 36. Singer Zayn Malik is 31. Pop/soul singer Ella Henderson (TV: "The X Factor") is 28.

BEETLE BAILEY

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! SOME KIND OF COMEDIAN?!
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COMEDY CAVERN
OPEN MIC NIGHT
SO, THEN MY IDIOT SERGEANT SAYS TO ME...
GREG + MORT WALKER

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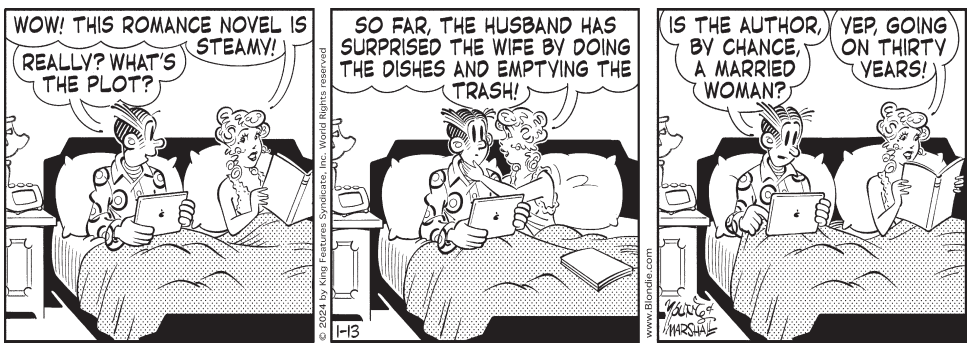
WOW! THIS ROMANCE NOVEL IS STEAMY!
REALLY? WHAT'S THE PLOT?
SO FAR, THE HUSBAND HAS SURPRISED THE WIFE BY DOING THE DISHES AND EMPTYING THE TRASH!
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IS THE AUTHOR, BY CHANCE, A MARRIED WOMAN?
YEP, GOING ON THIRTY YEARS!
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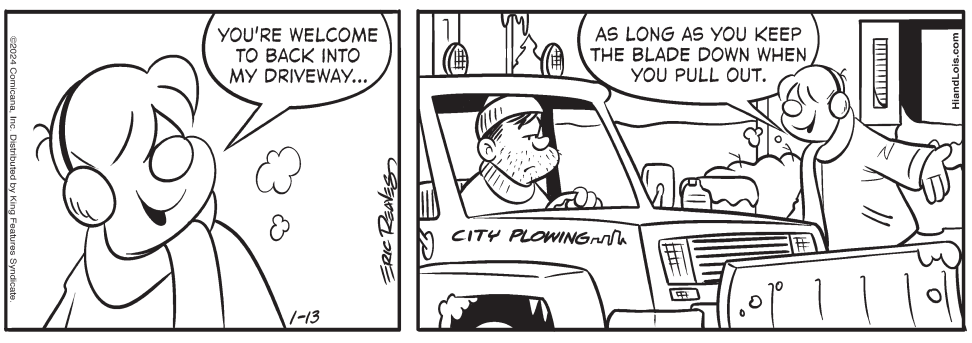
YOUNG MARSHALL

HI & LOIS


YOU'RE WELCOME TO BACK INTO MY DRIVEWAY...
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ERIC RANKIN
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP THE BLADE DOWN WHEN YOU PULL OUT.
CITY PLOWING
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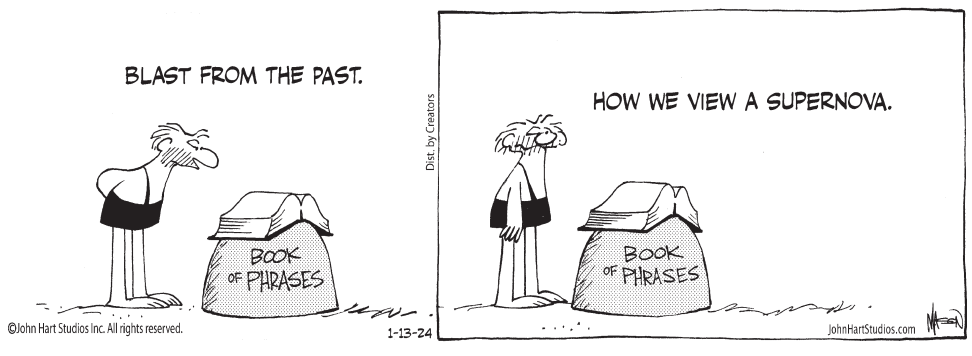

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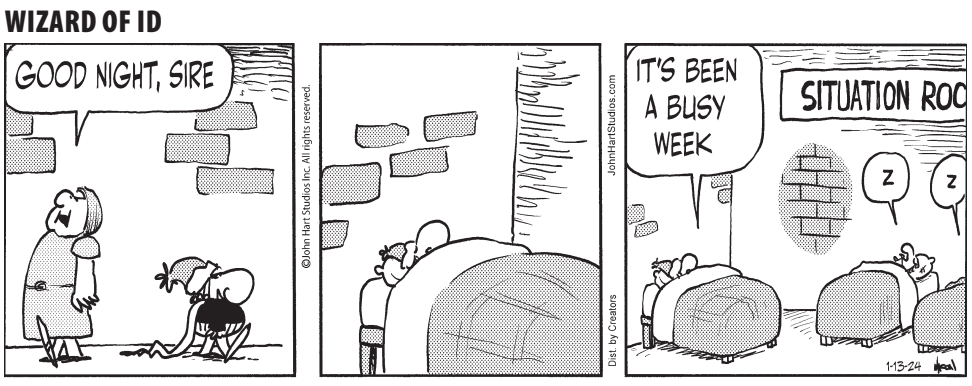

CRABGRASS

WHAT'S TAKING MILES SO LONG TO CHANGE THE FRIENDSHIP CONTRACT?
HE'S MAKING US WAIT. IT'S A POWER MOVE.
UGH! I JUST WANT THINGS TO GO BACK TO NORMAL.
BUT WE HAVE HIM RIGHT--
AHEM!
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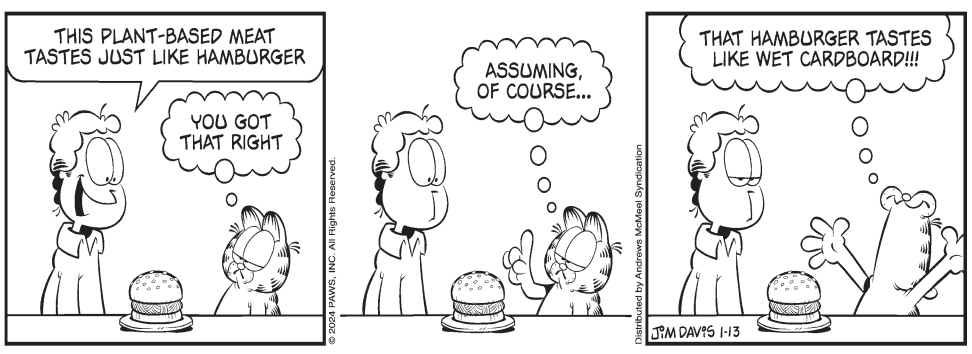
I'VE CONSIDERED YOUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT AND HAVE DECIDED AT THIS TIME TO BRING IN COUNSEL OF MY OWN.
GOOD EVENING.
UH-OH.

GARFIELD


THIS PLANT-BASED MEAT TASTES JUST LIKE HAMBURGER
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT
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ASSUMING, OF COURSE...
THAT HAMBURGER TASTES LIKE WET CARDBOARD!!!
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JIM DAVIS 1-13

FORT KNOX

YOUR METAL DETECTOR WAS A TOTAL BUST, FATHER.
AFTER SPENDING HOURS SEARCHING FOR RICHES, I CAME UP WITH NOTHING.
I GUESS THIS IS A LIFE LESSON, SON.
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DIRT POOR
LIVE 'N LEARN
HOW SO?
"DON'T SEARCH FOR HIDDEN TREASURE."
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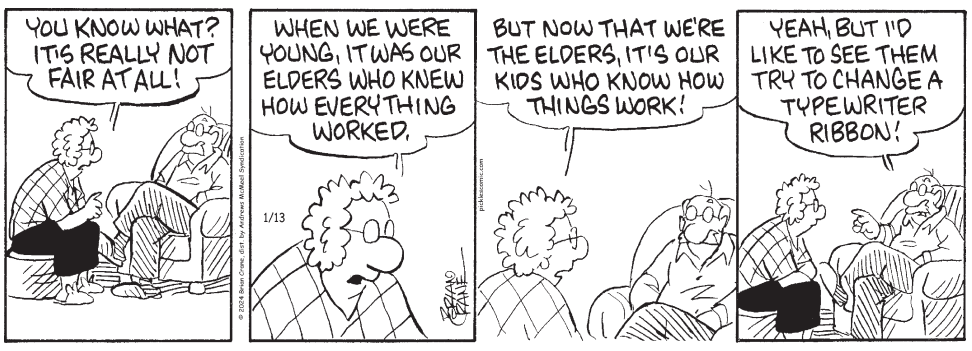
LOTTO LOSER
"STEAL IT INSTEAD."
GRAND THEFT LOTTO

PICKLES


YOU KNOW WHAT? IT'S REALLY NOT FAIR AT ALL!
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WHEN WE WERE YOUNG, IT WAS OUR ELDERS WHO KNEW HOW EVERYTHING WORKED.
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BUT NOW THAT WE'RE THE ELDERS, IT'S OUR KIDS WHO KNOW HOW THINGS WORK!
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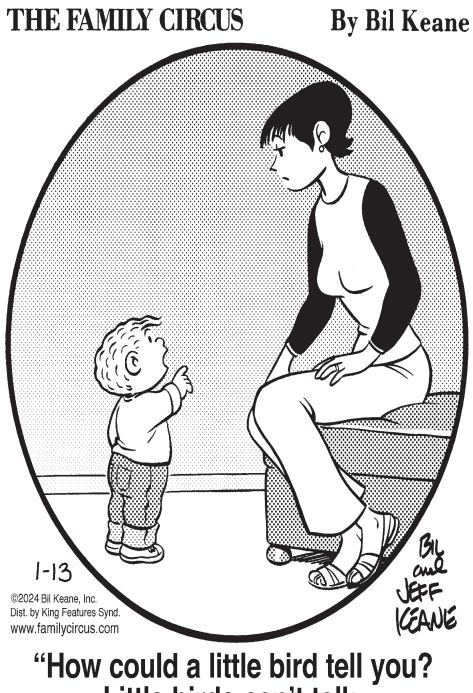
YEAH, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM TRY TO CHANGE A TYPEWRITER RIBBON!

FAMILY CIRCUS



"How could a little bird tell you? Little birds can't talk. They chirp."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN TIMEOUT, YOU SHOULD TRY BEHAVING YOURSELF."

"LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY!"

BABY BLUES

WELL, IT TOOK AN HOUR, BUT WREN IS FINALLY ASLEEP.
YOU'RE A GREAT MOM.
ALL IT TOOK WAS A DOSE OF DECONGESTANT AND A TON OF PATIENCE.
SNIFF! UH-OH.
AND THAT WAS MY LAST TON.
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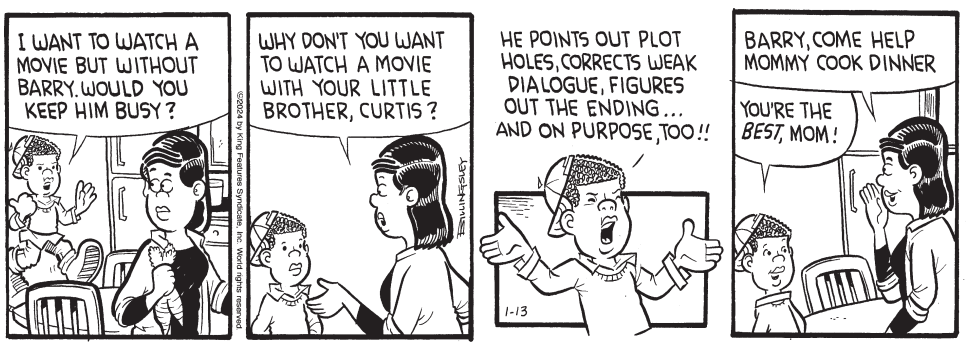
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 2021, President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House over the violent Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol, becoming the only president to be twice impeached; ten Republicans joined Democrats in voting to impeach Trump on a charge of "incitement of insurrection." (Trump would again be acquitted by the Senate in a vote after his term was over.)

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of French military officer Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship.

In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people, including four motorists on the bridge; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1987, West German police arrested Mohammed Ali Hamadi, a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner and the killing of a U.S. Navy diver who was on board. (Although convicted and sentenced to life, Hamadi was paroled by Germany in December 2005 and returned home to Lebanon.)

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected Black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, citing newly uncovered documents that showed the Japanese army had had a role in abducting the so-called "comfort women."

In 2000, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

In 2001, an earthquake estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 7.7 struck El Salvador; more than 840 people were killed.

In 2011, a funeral was held in Tucson, Arizona, for 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the youngest victim of a mass shooting that claimed five other lives and critically wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In 2013, a Cairo appeals court overturned Hosni Mubarak's life sentence and ordered a retrial of the former Egyptian president for failing to prevent the killing of hundreds of protesters during the 2011 uprising that toppled his regime. (Mubarak was later ordered released.)

In 2018, a false alarm that warned of a ballistic missile headed for Hawaii sent the islands into a panic, with people abandoning cars on a highway and preparing to flee their homes; officials apologized and said the alert was sent when someone hit the wrong button during a shift change.

In 2020, at a royal family summit in eastern England, Queen Elizabeth II brokered a deal to secure the future of the monarchy; it would allow Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, to live part-time in Canada.

In 2022, the Supreme Court found that the Biden administration had overstepped its authority by requiring that employees at large businesses get a COVID-19 vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job; the court allowed the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers.

Today's birthdays: TV personality Nick Clooney is 90. Comedian Charlie Brill is 86. Actor Billy Gray is 86. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 70. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 65. Actor Kevin Anderson is 64. Actor Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 63. Country singer Trace Adkins is 62. Actor Penelope Ann Miller is 60. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 58. Actor Suzanne Cryer is 57. Actor Traci Bingham is 56. Actor Keith Coogan is 54. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 54. Actor Nicole Eggert is 52. Actor Ross McCall is 48. Actor Michael Pena is 48. Actor Orlando Bloom is 47. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 43. Actor Ruth Wilson is 42. Actor Julian Morris is 41. Actor Beau Mirchoff is 35. Actor Liam Hemsworth is 34. NHL center Connor McDavid is 27.

OBITUARY

Jefferson Davis 'Jeff' Rucker Jr.

Jefferson Davis "Jeff" Rucker Jr., 85, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on Jan. 20, 1938 in Ogdensburg, New York. He was the son of the late Jefferson Davis Sr. and Christina Muir Rucker. Jeff died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, at 9:30 p.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Jeff will be missed by his loving sister, Susan Stephens of Madison, IN; his nieces and his nephew, Christina Klein Ellis, John Klein, and Colleen Taylor. He was preceded in death by his father, Jefferson Davis Rucker Sr., and his mother, Christina Muir Rucker.

Jeff's wishes were to be cremated. His urn will be buried in the Winter Haven Rolling Hills Cemetery in Winter Heaven, Florida.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

New Washington man to run for Congress

BY BOB DEMAREE

Although he has yet to file papers since the filing period opened on Wednesday, New Washington resident Tim Peck has announced his candidacy for Congress in Indiana's Ninth District.

Tim Peck

Peck, a Democrat, is a native of New York where he met his wife, Missy Burgin, which led to his relocation to Indiana in 2020. "My wife is from New Washington so we eventually went there and settled down, had our first child, bought our farm and are raising a family," said Peck.

Peck is trained as an emergency physician. During the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013, he served as the Chief Resident of the Emergency Department of the Harvard Medical School system, and served 23 bombing victims that day, saving all of their lives. "That had a lot of effect on how I see the world and the power of people to overcome terrorism," said Peck.

Peck then formed his own telemedicine company to enhance patient care based on his experiences as an emergency physician. The innovation of telemedicine provides remote clinical services to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and to reach vulnerable populations in nursing homes and homecare, to provide 24/7 access to care. He said that with limited physician care in nursing homes, there are times when residents must be taken to hospitals, and that process of transferring patients can be "bad in a number of ways" while also costing Medicare "a ton of money" that he estimated at $40 billion a year. Through his company, Peck said there was a $100 million savings to Medicare.

Peck testified before Congress "about how we can use technology in telemedicine to reduce costs to improve care" with that work occurring from 2017 to 2019. "All of that work got adopted in the single week of March 2020 when the pandemic hit. So, we laid out the blueprint of what telemedicine should look like, so when the crisis of COVID happened, all the pieces were there, and that's why hundreds of millions people were able to use telemedicine overnight." He said that showed him "the power of legislation, how incredible what legislation can do to change and improve people's lives." That's also when he began considering a run for Congress.

Peck thinks this is the right time for that candidacy. He characterizes himself as a moderate Democrat that voters in the Ninth District can support. Republican Erin Houchin will be seeking her second term after being elected to Congress in District 9 in 2022.

"I think it will be a very clear choice between the two of us but it will be a different choice than people in Indiana 9 have had in the last 15 years," said Peck. "The choice they had the last 15 years is liberal against conservative," while he thinks voters in Indiana are looking for a moderate, rather than Houchin, who Peck characterized as a "far right conservative" that "voted to close the budget. I think that's the number one thing that made me disappointed in how she led Indiana 9 because she voted to not bring forward the budget which I think is so irresponsible. I don't know how you call yourself a fiscal conservative and have the government shut down. The implications of that would be catastrophic. That's not her party. Most of the Republican party did not vote that way. She's even to the right of her own party."

Peck said he has gained a sense of service from his parents. His father, Al Peck, was a Vietnam combat veteran and ran the first veterans' shelter in the United States and a homeless services for the Salvation Army. His mother, Estelle Peck, "worked for the Catholic church her whole life. She worked in a very large parish where she was the liturgist where she planned the liturgy."

His parents are now retired but Tim Peck said his childhood instilled him to use his life to do what he can to make the world a better place. "I grew up in a family where we were helping the homeless all of the time. I didn't know that was different. I didn't know that other people didn't play chess with homeless people, and have meals and read books with homeless people until I grew up a little bit. Just being on the inside operations of the church was pretty special to be growing up at my mom's feet while she was bringing together so many people to worship and celebrate."

Peck said it's time to have representatives in Congress who want to work together to find solutions to make lives better. "The division we've experienced the last 10 years has worn on people, and it's shown it doesn't work because literally they couldn't get bills through Congress" in 2023 when just 27 bills were passed. "We haven't done government. Government is shutdown. Government is not working. We need to work together, and that's what I am trying to do" by running for Congress.

Care Solace program receives approval of Madison school board

BY BOB DEMAREE

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A program to provide mental health care coordination services for Madison Consolidated Schools was officially approved at Wednesday's meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees.

Care Solace, offered free to the school corporation in December, received unanimous approval to continue services that provide access to mental health care and support student well-being and learning.

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"We know there is a need for this type of service within our school community," said Slygh. "Our school counselors and social workers have incredible relationships and do amazing work with our students, staff, and families, but oftentimes some needs go beyond the care we can provide. We now have a resource we are very excited about and proud to be able to offer within our district."

Care Solace is a 24/7/365 organization with Care Companions that can support individuals in any language to help quickly find treatment options matched to specific needs regardless of the circumstance.

"We feel this is a necessary and growing need in our community and are committed to doing everything we can to provide resources to our families," Slygh said.

Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Madison Consolidated Schools.

The cost of service to the school corporation is based upon student ADM (average daily membership) at $4 per student with a prorated cost of $5,358 from January to June, paid through ESSR 3 funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund).

In other business, the board:

• Approved the course addition of Principles of Entrepreneurship for the Madison Consolidated High School. The course focuses on students learning about their own strengths, character and skills and how their unique abilities can apply to entrepreneurship. The course helps students to identify and evaluate business ideas while learning the steps and competencies required to launch a successful new venture.

• Approved a lease agreement with Turf Tank, an autonomous robotic field painter to be used on athletic fields. The initial payment was $16,700 with remaining payments of $15,000 for the next six years. The vote was 4-1 with board member Brian Armbrecht opposing.

• Approved an $18,530 change order with ETC Systems to add a cable tray that will allow for more seamless welder usage with Cub Industries.

• Heard a presentation on Madison Consolidated High School that was given by principal Ronnie Lawhead, assistant principal Angelia Upchurch and dean of students Brandon Frye.

Budget for Southwestern schools increases as tax rate drops for 2024

BY BOB DEMAREE

Chief Financial Officer Laura Boldery reported the reason is an increase of more than $14 million in the assessed valuation for the Southwestern school district from $302,870,057 in 2023 to $317,097,393 in 2024. The Southwestern budget for 2024 will be $16,588,237, an increase of $672,838,over 2023 when it was $15,915,399. Meanwhile, the tax rate for the district for 2024 is 1.1707, compared to 1.1830 in 2023.

The 2024 budget for Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated Schools will increase even as the school district's tax rate decreases it was announced at Monday's meeting of the Southwestern school board.

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"I'm very pleased with the budget," said Boldery.

In other financial business:

• The board approved two resolutions for transfers of funds. One moved $600,000 from the Education fund to the Rainy Day Fund. The other moved $500,000 from the Education fund to the Operations Fund.

Boldery said the Rainy Day Fund transfer brought that fund's total up to $900,000, which she said will help the school corporation's commitment of $350,000 to match the Bethany Legacy Foundation's $650,000 for the replacement of the Southwestern pool that was approved at the December board meeting.

• Boldery reported on a $5,311.13 Early Literacy Achievement Grant the Southwestern Elementary staff was responsible for the implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction through grade three during the 2022-2023 school year.

The grant money will be used to pay a stipend to reading staff Kindergarten through third grade who have maintained employment with the school district on the date that stipends are distributed.

• Prior to the regular meeting, the school corporation's annual board of finance meeting was held.

German American Bank was again established as the school corporation's depository, which it has been since 2002.

Boldery said there was a significant increase in the school corporation's interest at $79,159.28, an improvement over 2022 when it was $18,025.75.

"We have been very conservative with our spending and will continue to do so in 2024," Boldery said.

"We try very hard not to spend more than what we have to, but what we need to spend, we will."

Southwestern board of trustees reorganizes with same officers as last year

BY BOB DEMAREE

Also, appointments to other boards were made with Stockdale and Jonathon Simpson serving on the policy committee, Jacobs and Jones on the negotiation committee, Stockdale and Simpson on the athletic council for the middle/high school, Lacie Deputy and Jones on the technology committee, and Stockdale and Jones on the transportation committee. Additionally, Superintendent Jeffrey Bates was named to serve as Madison Area Special Services representative along with the boards for Southeastern Career Center and Wilson Education Center, and as a member of the study council.

The board of trustees at Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated Schools began a new calendar year on Monday by maintaining the same organizational makeup as last year.

The school board elected its officers to serve in the same roles as last year with Rick Stockdale as president, John Jones vice president and Misty Jacobs secretary.

Also, appointments to other boards were made with Stockdale and Jonathon Simpson serving on the policy committee, Jacobs and Jones on the negotiation committee, Stockdale and Simpson on the athletic council for the middle/high school, Lacie Deputy and Jones on the technology committee, and Stockdale and Jones on the transportation committee. Additionally, Superintendent Jeffrey Bates was named to serve as Madison Area Special Services representative along with the boards for Southeastern Career Center and Wilson Education Center, and as a member of the study council.

The board approved retaining Susan Traynor Chastain as board attorney for her 13th year working with Southwestern schools primarily assisting with contract negotiations.

Chastain is with the Indianapolis firm, Lewis and Kappes, which specializes in school law.

The board approved appointing Laura Boldery as the corporation's Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and Penny Mahoney and Theresa Scroggins as assistant treasurers.

Annual compensation was established for the school board members at $2,000 annually and $75 per meeting.

In other business:

• Approved the purchase of a sign that would designate the building used by the wrestling team as the Tony Brawner Wrestling Facility, named after Brawner, Southwestern's first-ever state finals qualifier in 1986 when he advanced in the 112-pound weight class. The 42-foot x 120-foot white aluminum composite sign panel will cost $1,086 which the board approved to be paid by the school corporation.

• Agreed to establish Monday, April 8, as an e-learning day for Southwestern schools due to the Total Solar Eclipse that the Hanover area is in a direct path with. Because of the expected number of tourist and visitors expected to come to the area, Southwestern Superintendent Jeffrey Bates anticipates major traffic issues that could result in significant issues in the transportation of students that day.

• Hired Leslie Buchanan as an eighth grade English teacher at Southwestern Middle School.

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About 30 attend Trimble solar farm meeting

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

About 30 people attended a meeting on Tuesday by developer Vesper Energy to gather information regarding a proposed solar farm on approximately 1200 acres on property near and around Mt. Byrd Christian Church in Milton.

The meeting was held at the Morgan Community Center in Bedford.

Vesper Energy, a privately owned company located in Dallas, with a variety of investors, said it is proposing the Trimble development and others around the country to address a growing need for low-cost energy in a growing energy market.

Those in attendance included Trimble property owners who received letters of interest from the company to consider voluntarily leasing all or parts of their property to accommodate energy gathering solar arrays. The visitors asked questions and Vesper provided multiple handouts and displayed message boards with information.

Erin Baker, Vesper's Director of Development stressed, that participation was voluntary and that the company had scheduled the meeting to provide details of the proposal.

"This isn't an eminent domain issue," Baker said. "Land owners voluntarily lease their land for solar use."

Members of Trimble Fiscal Court attended the meeting and reminded that in August 2023 the court adopted a resolution establishing a 12-month moratorium on development of wind or solar farms in the county for the purpose of developing local regulation and oversight of such projects in the future.

The moratorium was to give the court time to draft and accept an ordinance that would provide for the general welfare of Trimble County residents since the county's current regulations offer limited guidance when it comes to commercial or utility grade wind and solar energy conversion systems.

Carroll County 911 dispatch agrees to serve Trimble County

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County's 911 Advisory Board has approved a request by Trimble County Fiscal Court to provide around the clock emergency dispatch services to police, fire and emergency management agencies in Trimble County.

Will McCoy, director of the Trimble EMS, deputy director of the Trimble County EMA, and Bedford Volunteer Fire Department chief, attended the 911 Advisory Board meeting on Jan. 5, asking Carroll to take over dispatch service to replace the current service provided by Kentucky State Police Post 5 in Campbellsburg, Kentucky.

The agreement will cover 911 calls and dispatches for both the Bedford and Milton fire departments, Trimble County EMS, the Trimble County Sheriff's Department, and Trimble County Emergency Management.

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According to McCoy, the switch was prompted because KSP's computer-aided design (CAD) software has not been recording times for calls in Trimble. "We're getting blank CADS," he said. "There's no reason for us to have to make up times."

Another issue with KSP's service is extended dispatch times. "We're seeing seven minutes before getting dispatched from initial call take," McCoy said. "That's also an unacceptable number."

McCoy said rising costs for dispatch services with Post 5 — and not knowing what the costs will be in the future — is another issue. "It's annually changing and with that happening, it's going up between two and three times what they charged the year before," McCoy said. "We went from $49,500 for dispatch fees to $123,000 and they're still unable to give us a number for next year."

McCoy said Trimble has been dealing with the cited issues for the past 18 months, which began when Post 5 switched to a different CAD system that is more police oriented, but not as fire and EMS friendly.

Carrollton Mayor Robb Adams — the city houses the 911 dispatch in its police/fire station — suggested that McCoy work together with Carrollton Police Chief Mike Willhoite and Dispatch Director Greg Beck to gather more information on what services are needed and which options are better.

Once they receive that information, the board can work out what the new dispatch center will look like, how many more dispatchers and work stations will be needed, and what the cost will be to provide the services Trimble County needs.

The board approved Adams' suggestion to move forward with helping Trimble County develop a new dispatch service with Beck, McCoy and Willhoite developing a list of needs as a starting point to begin their research.

In other business:

• Beck reported that the hiring process for dispatchers has improved substantially since the board approved an increase in dispatchers pay. He said they received 11 applications for the most recent position. "We ran a process of the top four that we liked and we're actually down to one," he said.

Beck said the candidate, who is local to Carroll County, completed her last test on Jan. 3, and he is confident she will be a good candidate. "Hopefully we can get her on board really soon, hopefully by the end of the month," Beck said.

• Beck also provided an update on the county's computer-aided design (CAD) software that will be refreshed in the first quarter of 2024. This software is only a few years old, "but part of our maintenance and user agreement that we pay yearly includes any software upgrades," he said.

He added that the company that provides the CAD software will send two representatives to train staff and complete the maintenance upgrade. Cost will be up to $1,200, which is within the budget, and Beck is hopeful the update and training can be completed by March of 2024.

Filing deadline passes with Rabourn-Adams facing off

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The filing period for this year's primary and general elections in Kentucky ended Friday, Jan. 5, with no contested races in the May 21 primary but incumbent 47th District State Rep. Felicia Rabourn will be opposed in the November general election by Carrollton Mayor Robb Adams.

Rabourn (R-Pendleton) currently represents Carroll, Trimble, Owen and Henry counties in the state legislature. She filed for reelection Nov. 28, 2023, and was to be challenged in the primary by fellow Republican Mark Gilkison, of Bedford, until Gilkison withdrew on Jan. 5.

The general election could feature races for city councils and school boards, both of which are nonpartisan and do not include the primary. The deadline to file for those seats in the November general election is June 4.

Rabourn will now face Adams (D-Carrollton) in the general election. Adams currently serves as mayor of Carrollton and filed for state representative Nov. 17, 2023.

In other filings of local interest, current Circuit Court Clerks in Carroll and Trimble have filed for reelection and are running unopposed.

Gloria Belcher (D-Carrollton) filed for Carroll Circuit Court Clerk on Nov. 22 and is running unopposed and Stacy M. Bruner (D-Bedford) filed for Trimble Circuit Court Clerk on Nov. 20 and is running unopposed.

Incumbent Commonwealth's Attorneys for both Carroll and Trimble counties are also running unopposed for reelection.

Leigh Tomlinson Roberts (R-Carrollton) filed on Nov. 27 for reelection to the 15th Circuit that includes Carroll, Owen and Grant counties. Courtney T. Baxter (R-Crestwood) filed on Nov. 9 for reelection to the 12th Circuit that includes Trimble, Henry and Oldham counties.

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In Congress, incumbent Fourth District U.S. Rep. Thomas Massey (R-Garrison) is facing a primary challenge from two candidates — Eric Deters (R-Walton) and Michael McGinnis (R-Fort Thomas) — but no Democrats have filed for that congressional seat, according to information available on the Kentucky Secretary of State's website.

Kentucky's 4th District includes: Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Greenup, Harrison, Henry, Kenton, Lewis, Mason, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties and parts of Carter and Nelson counties.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Wallace announced as president of Madison Consolidated Schools board

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees began the new year with the board's annual reorganization of officers on Wednesday's meeting.

John Wallace, who just retired last week from law enforcement as Madison Police Chief, was elected to take over as board president, assuming the role held by David Storie the last two years.

"We'll keep striving for higher standards" for the school corporation, said Wallace. "Thank you to the fellow board members for allowing me to serve in the role."

MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown, who joined the school corporation in July of 2022, commended Storie for his work over the past two years as board president and the "guidance and support you've given me" with leadership "that helped me get established in a new place."

Michael Scott was elected vice president, replacing Jodi Yancey who been vice president the last two years. Meanwhile, Storie was elected secretary, a position previously held by Scott.

Committee designations were also approved for the board members— Storie and Scott on the policy committee, Storie and Yancey on the negotiations committee, Brian Armbrecht and Scott on the facilities committee, Storie and Yancey on the curricular committee, Storie and Wallace on the handbook committee, Scott and Yancey on the strategic planning committee, Yancey and Armbrecht on the wellness committee, and Wallace on the educational foundation and as the Indiana School Board Association legislative liaison.

The board approved appointing Danica Houze as the corporation's Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Conover as assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, and Pam Smith as executive secretary.

Annual compensation was approved for the school board members at $2,000 with $100 for each regular board meeting and $50 for other meetings such as executive sessions, special meetings and committee meetings.

During the regular meeting, the board approved the 2025-26 school calendar for Madison Consolidated Schools with fall break scheduled the week of Oct. 6-10 and spring break during the week of March 23-27. The first student day will Wednesday, Aug. 6 and the final teacher day will be Friday, May 22.

Annual compensation was approved for the school board members at $2,000 with $100 for each regular board meeting and $50 for other meetings such as executive sessions, special meetings and committee meetings.

Prior to the regular meeting, the board's annual board of finance meeting was held with Houze reporting on the school corporation's finances. She reported total interest of $682,239.54, which she said was four times the interest collected in 2022 when it was $159,731.71. Two years ago in 2021, interest generated was $29,945.84

"Interest rates are doing really good right now," said Houze, noting she will continue to work to take advantage of rising interest rates.

Houze noted that while the overall population has increased in the Madison Consolidated Schools district, the number of students has declined. "Students are moving into the district. It's on the rise, but unfortunately the numbers that are transferring out" has decreased the number of students. "We're hoping for a slight uptick in 2024."

Understanding and Utilizing Fixed Annuities

Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

What is a Fixed Annuity?
An annuity is an agreement with an insurance company where you make either a single payment or multiple payments. In return, the company promises to provide you with a steady flow of income later. Fixed annuities offer a fixed interest rate, meaning your money will grow at a predetermined rate over time. This feature can benefit investors seeking an investment option with minimal risk.

Fixed annuities can be categorized into two primary types:
• Deferred annuities: allow you to grow your tax-deferred money until you start taking withdrawals.
• Immediate annuities: These annuities start paying you income immediately.

How Do Fixed Annuities Work?
• Accumulation phase: During the accumulation phase, you invest your money in the annuity. Your money will grow at a fixed interest rate.
• Distribution phase: Once you reach retirement age, you can start taking withdrawals from your annuity. You can receive your income in a lump sum, as a series of payments, or as a lifetime income stream.

Benefits of Fixed Annuities
There are several benefits to investing in fixed annuities, including:
• Guaranteed income: Fixed annuities offer a guaranteed stream of income for life, which can help you avoid outliving your money in retirement.
• Tax-deferred growth: The interest you earn on your annuity is tax-deferred until you start withdrawing. This can help you to save money on taxes.
• Protection from market fluctuations: Fixed annuities are not subject to market fluctuations, so your money is protected from market downturns.
• Death benefits: Most fixed annuities offer death benefits, which means that your beneficiaries may receive a payout if you die before taking the total amount of your money out of the annuity.

Drawbacks of Fixed Annuities
There are also a few drawbacks to investing in fixed annuities, including:
• Lower returns: Fixed annuities often provide more modest returns than alternative investment choices like stocks or mutual funds.
• Surrender charges: Withdrawing funds from your annuity before the conclusion of the surrender period could result in a surrender charge. The insurance company levies this fee to offset its initial expenses.
• Limited liquidity: Fixed annuities are less liquid than other investment options, so it may be difficult to access your money if you need it.

Who Should Consider Investing in Fixed Annuities?
Fixed annuities may be a good investment option for investors who:
• Are you looking for a low-risk investment option?
• Are you concerned about outliving their money in retirement?
• Are seeking a guaranteed stream of income.

How to Choose a Fixed Annuity
If you are considering investing in a fixed annuity, it is essential to research and choose an annuity that is right for you. Here are a few factors to consider:
• Interest rate: The interest rate is the amount of interest your money will earn. Compare interest rates from different insurance companies.
• Surrender charges: Surrender charges are fees you may have to pay if you withdraw your money before the surrender period ends. Be sure to understand the surrender charges before you purchase an annuity.
• Death benefits: Some annuities offer death benefits. Consider whether or not you need death benefits.

Fixed annuities can be a valuable addition to your retirement portfolio. They offer a guaranteed stream of income, protection from market fluctuations, and tax-deferred growth. However, understanding the drawbacks of fixed annuities before investing is important. Be sure to research and choose an annuity that is right for you.

To ensure a fixed annuity aligns with your financial goals, consult a trusted financial advisor for personalized guidance.

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Health department adopts new roles with Health First funding

BY BOB DEMAREE

With Jefferson County receiving $374,182.27 in Indiana Health First funding for 2024, the county will be appropriating $334,861 of that as the county provides more services that go with opting for that program.

The $334,861 appropriation was approved at Tuesday's County Council meeting along with an additional appropriation of $119,000 from the local income tax to ensure the county meets its required match of county tax-levied funds distributed to the local health department in the preceding three years (2021, 2022, 2023).

County Health Administrator Lindsey Wyne outlined additional services that will create two new positions — a full-time Public Health Educator and a part-time Safety Inspection Officer, both previously approved by County Council.

There are several additional services required to meet the Health First mandates for core services, but Wyne said those duties will be absorbed by other staff members who will be compensated with stipends in addition to their current pay.

The childhood injury prevention coordinator is related to trauma injury prevention. The certified environmental assessor will meet requirements for in-person pool inspectors and performing lead testing. There are also roles for infectious disease case manager, fatality review coordinator, fatality review analyst, compliance coordinator and emergency preparedness.

"The workload truly is increasing. These are all new stipulations on these people's job they've had for a long time," said Wyne. "I couldn't justify the idea of bringing more people in. It makes sense for the public health educator and made sense for the part-time food specialist but it doesn't make sense for some of these other things, but at the same time acknowledging that I am asking them to do more work. We're asking more by signing up and agreeing to do this Health First."

The $334,861 Health First funding was approved by a 6-1 with Ray Black Jr. opposing.

County Auditor Heather Huff said she requested the $119,000 of LIT funding because with the county's match being an average of the county's tax revenue to the health department over three years, she wanted to be certain there's enough in the fund to cover the first year.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

• Unanimously elected Heather Foy as County Council president for 2024, replacing Ray Black Jr. who served in that role in 2023. Chris Shelton and Gary Copeland were both nominated for vice president with Shelton winning by a 3-2 vote. Foy had been vice president in 2023.

• Approved a transfer of $10,010 from the part-time ordinance enforcement fund to the building inspector fund in order to increase the pay of building inspector Josh Cline. The request to increase Cline's pay had been made in December by Jefferson County Surveyor Mike Pittman in an effort to keep Cline in that role, who he feared might leave for job offers with more pay.

"In keeping him in that position, I think we will see the offset within the first three months of year" because of cases that are currently in process, said Pittman. "I'm very impressed with how Josh is handling this. He's taken a lot on his shoulders to do this. I think we'll make up the increase" in other ways.

• Approved the third reading of an investment ordinance that Jefferson County Treasurer Meghan Hoskins had requested the allows the treasurer to invest with a maturity date of more than two years but less than five years until the date of maturity.

• Huff said by the end of day on Tuesday that 2024 trash card sales were $63,000 compared to total sales last year of $85,000. "We're well on the way to meeting that," said Huff, adding that it's important to continue working to manage the program well. "It's a wonderful service. We just need to keep it funded so everyone will have that available to them."

• Huff said the county handbook is in the process of being updated, providing exempt and non-exempt status on every position, noting there have been status changes made in order to meet Department of Labor requirements.

• Foy commended last Saturday's open house of the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center, noting she was impressed that there were "600 plus people interested in seeing that facility. They were anxious and really curious" with it being "one of the biggest undertakings financially this county has seen in its history.

"I think the average taxpayer understands the necessity of the project. I just give kudos to the Sheriff's Department as well as the Commissioners," Foy said.

Revolving Loan approved for Crawdaddy Music

BY BOB DEMAREE

A downtown business that is now under new ownership received the support of the city of Madison's Revolving Loan Fund Committee at its meeting Wednesday.

The Committee approved a $32,500 loan for Crawdaddy Music, 130 East Main Street, that was sold recently to Michael Fortunato by longtime owner Rob Houze.

Emily McKinney, associate director of economic development for the city, said the loan is for growing the vintage inventory and for staffing to provide additional music teachers to expand what's being offered. "He wants his teachers to do more than just one-on-one sessions, to be able to do group lessons. So, by growing the teacher base, he'll be able to have larger groups," she said.

All three Revolving Loan Fund Committee members — Bill Hensler, Seth Pennington and Andy Ward — voted in favor of the loan.

McKinney said the loans are for a low market threshold of 6.5%, and are provided as economic development tools. Each loan has to meet terms which include the building as collateral, personally guaranteed, fully amortize and no penalty for early payoff.

Redevelopment Commission ends year with $1.8 million

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison's Redevelopment Commission ended 2023 with $1.8 million in uncommitted funds, an amount that puts the city in a strong position for economic development.

"All the work we've been doing. All the projects we're still doing, cash is flowing in a very good way and maintaining that balance," said Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director. He said projected estimates for TIF revenue collections are $2.2 million in 2024, assisted by a boost from the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing that opened last year.

"Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing has been a great project for us," he said. "The data continues to be strong" on the economic benefit for the city, while work continues to land a national restaurant chain to open on that property.

Residences at Sunrise Crossing is expected to move toward construction later this year with an application going to the city's Plan Commission in the coming weeks. "We are anticipating closing on the property with them in the month of May, so as soon as we close they will be ready to roll," said Steinhardt. "I met with them last week and they are working through small details" with design and documents. Once construction begins, he anticipates 18 months until it's completed and units will be on the market. He said the number of units will range between 183 and 190, depending on the mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Steinhardt said the city is continuing to work towards developing additional housing for the city. "As you well know, we're not the only community struggling with housing and affordability questions. It's a nationwide problem, it's a statewide problem that's working through many years to resolve. At some point, communities are having to take the step to do that, jump-starting with some additional development. We're working strategies again with residential TIF and some of those other funding sources the state legislature gave municipalities last year. We're working on how to couple those together with potentially local dollars and jump-start additional housing possibilities within our communities."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

The Redevelopment Commission reelected last year's officers to serve again this year with John Grote as president, Dan Hughes vice president and Joe Craig secretary.

PARK

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Vetrhus was aware of plans to recognize DeBaptiste, Costigan and other aspects of Madison's history in the park, but said naming the new park for Costigan caught her by surprise and if she had known that was the plan she and others would have attended that meeting.

"Many of us who have been working diligently on documenting Black history and working on the underground railroad park, were blind-sided and extremely disappointed that the Poplar Street Park, not only did your resolution not even mention George DeBaptiste and the underground railroad, but it also named it Francis Costigan Park," Vetrhus said.

Vetrhus used a basketball analogy to make her point on how inappropriately the park is named. "You would not have a statue of Steve Alford in a park called Boilermaker Park."

"It is totally inappropriate and we would like you not to discontinue the work that you're doing on the park, but just take the name off the park," Vetrhus said. "Let the park be built as it was explained to us it would be and then have a public choosing of a neutral name that does not involve a person when the park is finished."

Vetrhus said she understood that the DeBaptiste bust would be placed at the center of the lower portion of the park facing the Ohio River where slaves from the south escaped through Kentucky into Indiana and the north "but we were never told it was going to be named Francis Costigan Park."

Asked if Vethrus was proposing a different name for the park, she suggested finding a name that does not recognize an actual person.

"Heritage and Legacy have already been taken, but I'm sure we have a creative community and we could come up with something else that is not a person's name," she said. "But it is not appropriate to put a world class sculpture's bust of a famous underground railroad conductor, and tell the history of Madison's underground railroad, in a park named for a white architect so please be sensitive to the culture. We've come a long way documenting Black history. Our town has a huge story to tell and we're very proud of the work that's been going on for years to make this happen … we were blind-sided and it really felt like a slap in the face for all the hard work that many people have been doing all these years."

"I'd like to echo what Jan has just said and I want to do it from my heart," said Camille Fife, another local historian, who has been close to the project and working to properly recognize DeBaptiste and the underground railroad in Madison.

Allen L. Watson said efforts to have DeBaptiste recognized in Madison have been ongoing for years. Funds have been raised and multiple sites considered and while DeBaptiste's business was actually on Walnut Street — an area that had been considered for the DeBaptiste bust in the past — he just wants to make sure the project is completed somewhere appropriate and that the bust sits on granite base that also recognizes other underground railroad conductors in Madison because the community had many.

"It needs to be in the front of the park facing the Ohio River where the slaves came from," Watson said.

Mayor Bob Courtney noted the park is "already taking shape in the way that you described" and that the area is going to be "absolutely beautiful" and the "scale is going to be magnificent."

He said "lots of things can be recognized in a park" and the new park will touch on a lot of Madison's history in that one area. He said it is important that "we're at a point we've never been before — we're in construction — and we're building one of Madison's great parks."

Courtney said while the council can still consider naming options, the important thing is that the city is moving forward with development of the park.

"We wanted to take time and listen to any concerns. The new park is designed to tell an even bigger story about two men who lived in Madison at the same time, dedicated their lives to their passion, and left a legacy here that we are still talking about almost 175 years later," Courtney said on Thursday. "We are still considering naming options. But we are definitely moving forward with the park and the two main elements for DeBaptiste and Costigan."

IMEL

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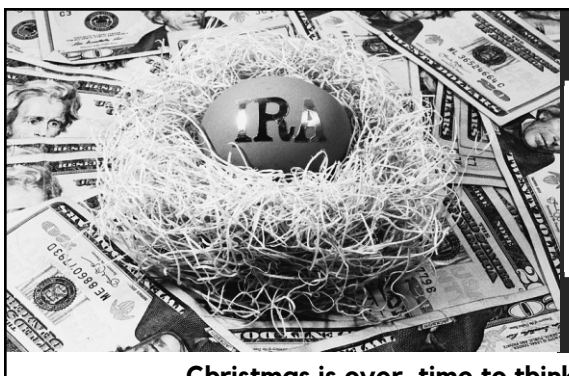
"It has been my privilege to serve Madison Consolidated Schools for over 50 years," said Imel. "I have been extremely proud of the innovative and intentional work the employees have dedicated themselves to, in order to provide all MCS students with the best possible instruction and curriculum offerings. Success for every student has always been our focus. I look forward to serving as interim principal at Anderson Elementary this semester which will facilitate the time needed to find the principal candidate who will serve for the academic year 2024-2025."

"Mrs. Imel's vast experience as an educator, administrator and staff member within the building gives her a unique perspective and the necessary relationships with students and staff members to ensure a smooth transition and provide stability for a strong second semester," Brown noted.

Imel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Hanover College, a Masters degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University Southeast, and an Ed.S. in School Administration from Indiana University Bloomington. As an educator, Imel spent 15 years teaching second, third, and fourth grades and 27 years in school administration. During that time she served as the assistant principal at the former E.O. Muncie Elementary for two years, as principal at Deputy Elementary (nine years) and Rykers' Ridge Elementary (nine years) before retiring in 2002. While retired, she served as an ED Consultant for the Special Services Unit (SSU) in Scott County. Returning to MCS in July 2004, she led E.O. Muncie as principal for seven years.

Imel was elected to serve eight years as a member of the Madison school board (Jan. 1, 2013-Dec. 31, 2020) and was president of the board for two years.

Imel has also served as a part-time instructor in Hanover College's Education Department. From August 2002 through May 2015, Imel taught special education classes, language arts methods, senior seminar and supervised student teachers as they developed their skills to enter classrooms and begin their educational careers.



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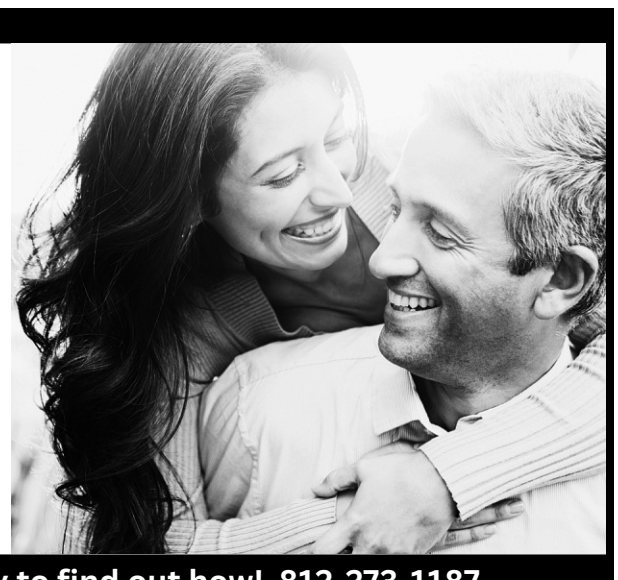

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HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble comeback falls short in 55-53 loss at home to Henry County

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County fell behind by 13 in the first half but almost battled all the way back before falling 55-53 in boys basketball Tuesday at home.

Ethan Keller scored 20 points to lead Trimble while Ethan Horn added 10. Hayden Webster chipped in eight points for the Raiders.

Trimble, now 3-13 overall, dropped to 1-3 in 31st District play. The Raiders host Owen County on Friday and Carroll County on Monday.

CARROLL GIRLS WIN SHOOTOUT

Kaitlyn Hensley scored 31 points and Elle Spencer added 25 for a big one-two punch to lead Carroll County's girls to a 77-74 basketball win over Gallatin County in a 31st District showdown on Monday.

Spencer's total was a new career-high while Hensley's was just four under her career-high, which was set earlier this season. Cloie McGuire added seven points and Madie Hicks had five for the Panthers.

Carroll has now won two of its last three games and improves to 4-10 overall on the season and 1-3 in district play. The Panthers traveled to Eminence on Thursday and host Bellevue on Saturday before heading to Trimble County next Tuesday.

TRIMBLE GIRLS FALL TO HENRY

Trimble County's girls suffered a 39-36 loss to Henry County Monday at home.

Addison Edmondson scored 15 points to lead the Raiders while Jolie Wilcoxson had eight points and Peyton Butters scored seven.

Trimble, now 7-7 overall, falls to 3-1 in 31st District play. The Raiders hosted Owen County on Thursday and play Beechwood on Saturday before hosting Carroll County next Tuesday.

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David Campbell

Trimble County's Ethan Horn (3) and Ethan Keller (11) battle with Henry County's Jordan King (23) and Morgan Wilson for a rebound during Henry's win in Bedford on Tuesday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Photos by David Campbell

Above: Hanover senior Max Greenamoyer (25) scored his 1,000th-career point in Hanover's loss to Transylvania on Wednesday at Collier Arean in Hanover.

Left: Hanover's Avery Saunders (42) rises and twists to put up a shot over Transylvana's Matthew Teague (0) during Wednesday's game at Collier Arena. Hanover battled back from a 19-point second-half deficit to force two overtimes before falling 108-102 to the Pioneers in the battle of conference frontrunners.

Men drop double-overtime thriller to Transylvania

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover roared back from a 19-point second-half deficit to force two overtimes before falling 108-102 to Transylvania in a matchup of the two Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference leaders.

Hanover struggled on offense in the first half, hitting just 1-of-9 3-point attempts and falling behind 42-35 at the break. The deficit reached 19 (48-29) early in the second half before the Panthers began chipping away.

Hanover cut the Pioneers' lead under double-digits several times in the second half but still trailed by 10 (77-67) with 1:58 left in regulation. Avery Saunders hit a free throw for the Panthers, Cam Freeman scored a layup off a steal and Freeman hit a 3-pointer to close the gap to 77-73 with 40 seconds left.

A Transylvania turnover led to a foul and Saunders hit a free throw with 30 seconds to that cut the lead to three. The Pioneers' Matthew Teague answered with two free throws but Saunders quickly scored in a paint with 17 seconds to go.

After a Hanover timeout, Ty Houston stole the ball but missed a layup, but Michael Donoho grabbed the rebound and slammed it into the hoop cut the margin to one. Jaylan Green hit two free throws to put Transy back up by three, but Houston's 3-pointer with one second left forced overtime.

Transylvania (11-3, 6-1 HCAC) turned the tables in the first overtime, getting a 3-pointer from Colby Napier with five seconds left to tie the game and send it to a second overtime. The Pioneers then never trailed in the second OT, leading by seven at one point to finally put the game away.

Houston scored 31 points and had 13 rebounds to lead the Panthers. Freeman scored 22 points, Kyle Crim added 15 and Saunders had 12 for Hanover. Senior Max Greenamoyer scored seven points to push him over the 1,000-point mark for his college career.

Now 9-5 overall and 5-2 in the HCAC, Hanover hosts Bluffton on Saturday and travels to Franklin next Wednesday.

TRANSY WOMEN TIE NCAA WINS RECORD

Hanover's women went into Wednesday's showdown with NCAA Division III No. 2 Transylvania battling for the top spot in the HCAC only to be a footnote in a record-tying win by the Pioneers.

Transylvania (12-0, 7-0 HCAC) rolled to a 54-39 win at the Beck Center in Lexington, Kentucky, for the Pioneers' 47th-straight victory to tie the NCAA all-divisions record set by the UConn in the 2013-15 seasons.

Transy's last loss was to Trine to close out the 2021-22 season. The Pioneers went 35-0 and won the NCAA Division III National Championship last season and won the first 12 games this year to tie the record. A win at Rose-Hulman (7-3, 6-1 HCAC) on Saturday will give the Pioneers' the record outright.

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SWIMMING ROUNDUP

Lady Rebels with 7 1sts in tri-meet win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's small but competitive girls swim team claimed seven individual victories to win a tri-meet over South Ripley, Silver Creek and New Washington at home on Tuesday.

The Crawford family played a part in all seven wins for the Rebels. Raygan Crawford had two individual wins, claiming the 200-yard individual medley in 2:48.79 and the 500 freestyle in 6:54.79. Younger sister Natalee Crawford won the 100 butterfly in 1:04.88 and the 100 backstroke in 1:07.81, and cousin Riley Crawford won the 50 freestyle in 29.16.

The three Crawfords then teamed up with Adalei Watson to win the 200 medley relay in 2:18.04 and with Alexis Dean-Wells to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:54.86.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn won two events in the boys meet, the 200 individual medley in 2:20.16 and the 100 backstroke in 1:03.41. Teammate Orin Elkins was third in the boys 100 freestyle in 1:07.50 and fourth in the 50 freestyle in 31.07.

Other finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Dean-Wells, second, 200 free, 2:38.79 and third, 100 free, 1:16.45; Riley Crawford, second, 100 free, 1:03.22; and Watson, second, 100 breast, 1:39.62 and third, 200 free, 2:48.88.

Finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Forrest Deutscher, fourth, 100 breast, 2:03.46 and sixth, 50 free, 42.33; and Shane Hardy, fifth, 100 free, 1:28.19 and fifth, 50 free, 37.91.

Southwestern's girls defeated South Ripley 66-20, Silver Creek 70-22 and New Washington 72-11. Shawe's boys beat Southwestern 24-17 but lost to South Ripley 62-18 and to Silver Creek 34-22. Southwestern's boys also lost 67-9 to South Ripley and 36-18 to Silver Creek.

Southwestern was to host Shawe and Oldenburg on Thursday and compete in the Ohio River Valley Conference Championships at Milan on Saturday. The Rebels then host Shawe and Lawrenceburg next Tuesday.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

BASKETBALL

- Shawe boys host Assumption, 6 p.m.
- Carroll Co. boys at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison boys host Lawrenceburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. boys host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys host Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

- Madison girls, IHSGWA State Finals at Kokomo, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

BASKETBALL

- Madison girls host Corydon, 1:30 p.m.
- Hanover men host Bluffton, 2 p.m.
- Carroll Co. girls host Bellevue, 2:30 p.m.
- Shawe boys host Cornerstone, 2:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. girls host Beechwood, 2:30 p.m.
- Hanover women host Bluffton, 4 p.m.
- Madison boys host Richmond, 7:30 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. boys host South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., ORVC Championships at Milan, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Switzerland Co., SITC Championships at Southwestern, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 15

BASKETBALL

- Trimble Co. boys host Carroll Co., 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

BASKETBALL

- Shawe girls at New Washington, 6 p.m.
- Madison girls at Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. girls at Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. girls host Carroll Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Madison hosts Scottsburg, 6 p.m.
- Southwestern hosts Shawe, Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

- Madison boys host Jennings Co., 6 p.m.
- Switzerland Co. at Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.

Alabama's Saban retires after record 7 national titles

BY JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nick Saban's coaching reign has come to an end. His dominance over college football, however, will forever linger in lore.

Saban, who won seven national championships — more than any major college football coach — and turned Alabama back into a national powerhouse that shattered an Associated Press poll record for most consecutive seasons at No. 1, announced his retirement Wednesday.

"The University of Alabama has been a very special place to Terry and me," Saban said in a statement. "It is not just about how many games we won and lost, but it's about the legacy and how we went about it. We always tried to do it the right way."

Saban, 72, restored a Crimson Tide program once ruled by Paul "Bear" Bryant to the top of college football after taking over in 2007. As he stacked his wins, Saban's celebrity status reached royalty levels in the state of Alabama.

For a time, he was the sport's overlord and there was little that could be done to stop him.

Saban won six of his titles during his 17 seasons at Alabama. He won his first with LSU in 2003. His Tide teams were ranked No. 1 in the AP poll in a remarkable 15 straight seasons, breaking the old record of seven held by Miami.

Saban's wife, Terry, posted about their "incredible run" at Alabama on the Facebook page for Nick's Kids Foundation.

"We hope that the Saban legacy will be about helping others and making a positive difference in people's lives as well as the winning tradition on the field," Terry Saban wrote.

Saban's tutelage helped launch the head coaching careers of Georgia's Kirby Smart, Texas' Steve Sarkisian and Mississippi's Lane Kiffin, among others.

He finished just shy of the top in his final season, leading the Tide from a shaky start to a Southeastern Conference championship and back into the College Football Playoff before falling in overtime to Michigan in a semifinal game at the Rose Bowl.

Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne called him "one of the greatest coaches of all time, in any sport."

Saban led the Tide to nine SEC championships and won his first national title at Alabama with a 14-0 season in 2009. Titles came again in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2020. He also won the SEC with LSU in 2001 and 2003.

After a 7-6 debut in 2007, Saban won at least 10 games in his final 16 seasons.

It wasn't until the rise of Dabo Swinney's Clemson teams in the late 2010s and later Smart's Georgia Bulldogs that any school could be considered a consistent threat to the Tide.

Saban has stepped away as the fabric of college football undergoes dramatic change. Colorado's Deion Sanders, a coach who has sought to capitalize on the intervention of players profiting financially from their play on the field, said on social media "College Football just lost the GOAT."

"WOW! I knew it would happen 1 day soon but not this soon," he wrote. "The game has change so much that it chased the GOAT away. College football let's hold up our mirrors and say HONESTLY what u see."

Terry Saban addressed the changes to college football in her post, referencing her husband's famed "process."

"The rules for the game of football may change, but the 'process' will never go out of style: hard work, discipline, the relentless pursuit of a worthy goal, not cutting corners, and doing things the right way for the sake of constant personal improvement, not for the scoreboard," she wrote.

Saban made a two-year foray into the NFL with the Miami Dolphins before returning to college to revive one of the nation's most storied programs, which hadn't won a national title in 15 years. Saban is 297-71-1 as a college head coach, with stops at Toledo, Michigan State and LSU. But Alabama is where he cemented his status as one of college football's greatest coaches.

He coached Alabama's first four Heisman Trophy winners and numerous NFL players, going 206-29, a winning clip of 87.7%. His teams produced 44 first-round draft picks, including last year's No. 1 quarterback Bryce Young.

During that span, he also adapted to the changing times of up-tempo offenses, churning out high-scoring teams after winning with some of the nation's best defenses, along with the new NIL and transfer rules.

He led Toledo to a Mid-American Conference championship in 1990, his lone season as that program's coach. Saban worked as Bill Belichick's defensive coordinator with the Cleveland Browns for four seasons before becoming the first Michigan State coach to lead his first three teams to bowl games.

"I think he's the greatest coach in the history of football," Michigan State basketball coach and longtime Saban friend Tom Izzo said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "There are a lot of great coaches, but what he's done and the consistency that he did it — in an era where so many people and things are coming at you — is remarkable."

Saban's latest team dealt with plenty of adversity early, including a loss to Texas, but rebounded with the emergence of quarterback Jalen Milroe to upset then-No. 1 Georgia in the SEC championship game.

Saban didn't sound like a coach looking to give up the job any time soon after the game. But it wasn't a bad way to go, even without the title.

"This is one of the most amazing seasons in Alabama football history in terms of where this team came from, what they were able to accomplish and what they were able to do, winning the SEC championship, and really, really proud of this group," he said. "I just wish that I could have done more as a coach to help them be successful and help them finish, and all we can do now is learn from the lessons that sometimes failings bring to us."

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey feels Saban isn't done entirely with college football.

"Knowing Nick? He's not walking away from the game. He's walking away from a role," Sankey said.

Saban's Alabama dynasty fueled 20 years of SEC football dominance

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

PHOENIX — While turning Alabama into college football's greatest dynasty, Nick Saban helped the Southeastern Conference become the epicenter of the sport.

Saban retired Wednesday after 17 seasons leading Alabama. He won six national championships with the Crimson Tide and a BCS title with LSU in 22 seasons as a head coach in the SEC.

"We've always had people that set the standard of excellence," said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey, who was in Phoenix attending the NCAA convention when he heard the news about Saban's retirement.

Sankey compared Saban to SEC greats in other sports such as Skip Bertman, who won five College World Series with LSU baseball, and the late Pat Summitt, who led Tennessee's Lady Vols to eight NCAA basketball championships.

"We've always benefited as a league from people who are high-achievers on all kinds of different campuses. He's helped make us better. Everybody wants that mountaintop. And he's achieved a lot. Since he's been a part of the league we've had I think six or seven different programs that have won national championships."

The SEC had not yet become the most dominant conference in college football when the West Virginia native who had come up in coaching in the Midwest led the Tigers to their first of three national titles this century.

"While I was sad to see him leave LSU in 2004, I was not surprised at all by his unprecedented run at Alabama," said LSU athletic director Scott Woodward, who was an administrator at the school during Saban's time in Baton Rouge.

After Saban left for the NFL after the 2004 season, the conference started to assert itself.

Florida won a national championship under Urban Meyer in 2006 to start a string of seven straight for the SEC.

Saban returned to the conference in 2007 and by 2009 Alabama had replaced Florida as the dominant team not only in the conference but in the country.

Soon Saban's Crimson Tide would become so strong, winning five national championships in a 10-year span and playing in the College Football Playoff championship game two other time, that Sankey said he had to fend off charges of having a one-team league.

"I never thought that was true, but it sets a standard that everyone wants to attain," Sankey said.

Michigan's national title this season snapped the latest string of SEC titles at four straight, including Alabama's most recent in 2020 and Georgia's two in row in 2021 and '22 under former Saban assistant Kirby Smart.

The SEC has won 14 football national championships, starting with LSU's in 2003, and Saban's teams claim half of them.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Southwestern's Ashley Fulton and Switzerland County's Ava Cole have been named Ohio River Valley Conference athletes of the week.

Fulton won the award in girls basketball for the second-straight week after scoring nine points — including her 1,000th-career point — and grabbing eight rebounds and five steals in a loss at Austin.

Cole took home the honor in girls swimming with top times in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

• Switzerland County junior varsity girls basketball defeated Lawrenceburg 39-22 on Monday to win the Rivertown Classic.

Kaitlynn Stucker had 17 points and Addie Kelso 14 to lead the Pacers.

Switzerland are now 14-0 on the season.

• Shawe Junior High boys basketball swept Seymour White on Tuesday.

The seventh grade won 44-17. Patrick Kahn had 16 points for the Hilltoppers and Johnny Cooke had nine.

The eighth grade won 26-22. Clark Nichter had 14 points.

On Wednesday, Shawe was swept by Rising Sun.

The seventh grade lost 43-33. Kahn had 17 points and Tanner Sims six.

The eighth grad lost 39-27.

Taylor Ralston had nine points and Kellen Martin eight.

• The Switzerland County eighth grade girls basketball team defeated Greendale 27-21 on Monday.

Madison Spilman had 17 points to lead the Pacers while Taylor Kappes and Alayna Smith scored four points each.

• Shawe Junior High girls basketball split a pair of games with New Washington on Monday.

The seventh grade lost 23-22. Brylee Liter had 10 points and Robbi Alderman and Juliet Gardner had four each.

The eighth grade won 28-25. Liter had 14 points and Alderman had seven.

LOCAL LEAGUES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 8

"A" Division (K/1st Grade): Jendys Pizzeria Rainbow Warriors 14, Servpro Of Madison/Lawrenceburg & Versailles Pumas 12 — Remington Jennings 12 points for the Rainbow Warriors; Jordyn Jester had 10 for the Pumas.

"B" Division (2/3 Grade): Pope John Irish 16, Diamond T Farms Blue Tigers 7 — Emily Cissell had 10 points for the Irish and Audria Youngblood had five for the Blue Tigers.

"C" Division (4/5/6 Grade): Southwestern Lady Rebels d. Premier Lawn S & Landscaping Teal Dolphins, NS — Annistyn Cloud had 14 points and Michelle Brawner and Rilyn Kirkland had 12 each for the Rebels; Ravyn Haycraft had two for the Teal Dolphins.

WIN

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PACERS FALL TO RISING SUN

Switzerland County's swim teams dropped a 184-144 combined decision to Rising Sun at home on Monday.

The Pacers' Kaelin Taylor scored wins in the girls 200-yard freestyle and 100 breaststroke, Ava Cole had wins in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, and Piper Taylor won the 100 freestyle. In addition, Taylor finished second in the 200 individual medley.

On the boys side, Evan Bosaw won the 100 butterfly, Derek Hoskins won the 100 breaststroke, Caleb Ridener won the 100 freestyle, and the Pacers won the 200 freestyle relay. Bosaw was also second in the 50 free, Hoskins was second in the 200 IM, Ridener was second in the 100 backstroke and the Pacers finished second in the medley relay.

Switzerland competes in the ORVC Championships at Milan on Saturday.

REBELS, PACERS SPLIT MEET

Southwestern and Switzerland County swimming each claimed a team victory in a tri-meet at Southwestern on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Southwestern beat Switzerland 87-72 in the girls meet while Switzerland scored 75 points to win the boys meet. Shawe was second in the boys meet with 24 points and Southwestern was third with 16 points.

Finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Riley Crawford, first, 200 free, 2:30.48 and second, 100 back, 1:13.66; Natalee Crawford, first, 200 IM, 2:28.78 and first, 100 fly, 1:09.72; Alexis Dean-Wells, first, 50 free, 32.98 and fourth, 100 free, 1:15.29; Raygan Crawford, first, 100 free, 1:04.14 and first, 100 back, 1:13.11; Natalee Crawford, Adalei Watson, Raygan Crawford and Riley Crawford, first, 200 medley relay, 2:17.78; Raygan Crawford, Dean-Wells, Riley Crawford and Natalee Crawford, first, 200 free relay, 2:00.25; and Watson, second, 500 free, 7:26.32 and third, 100 breast, 1:42.76.

Finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Shane Hardy, second, 100 free, 1:30.38 and third, 50 free, 38.95; and Forrest Deutscher, third, 100 free, 1:36.53 and fourth, 50 free, 39.53.

Finishes for the Switzerland County girls were: Piper Taylor, first, 500 free, 7:06.72 and second, 200 IM, 3:09.92; Molly Hicks, first, 100 breast, 1:31.13 and second, 100 fly, 1:21.89; Kaelin Taylor, second, 200 free, 2:37.37 and third, 100 free, 1:12.03; Eva Hicks, second, 50 free, 33.98 and second, 100 breast, 1:34.57; Ava Cole, second, 100 free, 1:04.31 and third, 100 back, 1:19.03; and Ava Cole, Kaelin Taylor, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, second, 200 medley relay, 2:21.48 and second, 200 free relay, 2:11.56.

Finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Derek Hoskins, first, 200 free, 2:13.95 and first, 100 fly, 1:06.85; Caleb Ridener, first, 200 IM, 2:23.38; Evan Bosaw, first, 100 free, 1:15.58 and second, 200 IM, 3:01.33; Caleb Ridener, first, 500 free, 7:53.54; Seth Burke, Ridener, Hoskins and Bosaw, first, 200 medley relay, 2:14.40 and first, 200 free relay, 2:06.93; and Burke, second, 100 back, 1:41.88 and fifth, 50 free, 40.46.

Finishes for Shawe's boys were: Matthew Vaughn, first, 50 free, 24.63 and first, 100 back, 1:03.46; and Orin Elkins, second, 50 free, 32.30 and second, 200 free, 2:39.39.

THRILLER

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Hanover's defense was up to the task of slowing down the mighty Pioneers, holding Transy to just 29 points in the first half and forcing 19 turnovers. But the Panthers found scoring equally difficult, shooting just 26% for the game and hitting only three 3-pointers while committing 18 turnovers of their own.

No Hanover player reached double figures in the loss with Katherine Benter leading the way with eight points. Grace Bezold and Taylor Heath added seven points each.

The loss was Hanover's first in HCAC play and dropped the Panthers to 8-6 overall and 6-1 in the league. The Panthers host Bluffton on Saturday then host Franklin next Wednesday.

HCAC JOINS FOOTBALL BOWL SERIES

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, the Ohio Athletic Conference, the North Coast Athletic Conference and the Presidents' Athletic Conference have announced a partnership for the inaugural Opendorse Bowl Series.

The four conference will each be represented by their highest-ranked team to not make the NCAA Tournament in a one-day, two-game series set to take place on Nov. 23, 2024. The games will be held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium at Hall of Fame Village in Canton, Ohio.

Opendorse, the leading NIL company and athlete marketplace, will sponsor the series while also providing year-round NIL services to the participating conferences. In addition to bringing together top teams from each conference in a celebration of Division III football, all student-athletes from each conference will benefit from NIL opportunities and ongoing education. More than 100,000 athletes use Opendorse to build and monetize their name, image, and likeness with support from the world's top brands, colleges, NIL collectives and partners including Team USA, NFLPA, PGA TOUR and more.

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Michigan overpowers Washington 34-13

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

HOUSTON — Jim Harbaugh raised the championship trophy as gold and white confetti sprayed over his team and "We Are the Champions" blared.

Nine years after he took over at Michigan, Harbaugh delivered on the lofty expectations he brought with him to his beloved alma mater.

Blake Corum ran for 134 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Harbaugh and the top-ranked Wolverines — undeterred by suspensions and a sign-stealing case that shadowed the program — completed a three-year surge to a national title by beating No. 2 Washington 34-13 Monday night in the College Football Playoff.

"We're innocent and we stood strong and tall because we knew we were innocent. And I'd like to point that out," Harbaugh said when asked about off-field issues, jumping in to answer a question posed to his players. "And these guys are innocent. And overcome that? It wasn't that hard because we knew we were innocent.

"(The season) went exactly how we wanted it to go. It went exactly how we wanted it to go."

The Wolverines (15-0) sealed their first national title since 1997 when Corum, who scored the winning touchdown in overtime against Alabama in the Rose Bowl, blasted in from the 1-yard line with 3:37 left to put Michigan up by 21 and set off another rousing rendition of "The Victors" from the band.

After a third consecutive playoff appearance, Harbaugh won the championship so many expected when he took over a struggling powerhouse in 2015 — despite missing six regular-season games this season while serving two suspensions.

"That man, he's the reason we're here today," Michigan quarterback J.J. McCarthy said of his coach.

And Harbaugh did it with a team his old coach, Bo Schembechler, would have adored. The Wolverines ran for 303 yards against Washington (14-1), and their rugged defense held Michael Penix Jr. and the Huskies' prolific passing game to just one touchdown while intercepting the Heisman Trophy runner-up twice.

"There are more than 100 Michigan men who are on this team," Harbaugh said. "What they've done is amazing. They will forever be known as national champions."

Penix's remarkable six-year college career ended with maybe his worst performance of the season. Usually unfazed by pressure, Penix was not nearly as precise against a Michigan defense that took away his signature deep throws.

"That was a spectacular game by our defense," Harbaugh said.

The Indiana transfer who came back from two knee surgeries and two shoulder injuries was roughed up by the Wolverines, limping at times, stepped on another time.

Asked how he was feeling, Penix said, still undaunted: "Better than I was three years ago."

Penix finished 27 for 51 for 255 yards and a touchdown as the Huskies had their 21-game winning streak snapped.

"They've given me everything they possible can," coach Kalen DeBoer said of a group of players who went 4-8 just two seasons ago and 25-3 since he took over in 2022.

McCarthy had a modest game, throwing for 140 yards and running for 31. But it was enough for him to improve to 27-1 as a starter for the Wolverines.

Michigan gave Washington a taste of life in the Big Ten, where the Pac-12 champions are heading next season, and the Huskies were up for the grind for a while.

Two long touchdown runs by Donovan Edwards and 229 yards rushing in the first quarter put the Wolverines up 17-3 early in the second and conjured up memories of last year's historic Georgia blowout of TCU.

Washington stabilized and didn't allow the Wolverines another point in the first half. After the Huskies stopped Michigan on a fourth-and-2 from the UW 38 with 4:46 left in the second quarter, Penix went to work.

He found Jalen McMillan on a fourth-and-goal with 42 seconds left for a 3-yard touchdown. After being on the verge of getting buried by the Wolverines, the Huskies fans sang along to "Who Let the Dogs Out," happily down only 17-10 at half.

Will Johnson's interception of Penix on the first play of the second half gave Michigan another opportunity to open up a two-touchdown lead, but the Huskies forced a field goal by James Turner to make it 20-10.

"Today was a complete, complete team effort," Corum said.

Michigan nursed a touchdown lead until halfway through the fourth quarter, when it put together a 71-yard drive, capped by Corum's tackle-breaking 12-yard touchdown that finally gave the Wolverines some room with a 27-13 lead and 7:09 left.

Corum, the engine of the ground-and-pound offense and heart and soul of a team loaded with fourth-, fifth- and even sixth-year players, missed the CFP last year with a knee injury. He was named offensive player of the final national title game in before the College Football Playoff expands from four teams to 12 next season.

"Michigan, this is for you," Corum told the Wolverines fans.

Michigan seemed to be steaming toward a third consecutive Big Ten championship when in October it was revealed the NCAA was investigating the program for potentially breaking rules that prohibit in-person scouting of opponents and using video equipment to attempt to decode opponents' play signals.

The scandal turned Connor Stalions, the low-level Michigan recruiting staffer accused of orchestrating the scheme, into a household name and threatened to derail the Wolverines' season.

The NCAA process will linger well into 2024 and it is unknown what penalties Michigan could face.

The Big Ten, though, decided to act quickly and punished Michigan by suspending Harbaugh for the final three games of the regular season, including matchups with Penn State and rival Ohio State.

With offensive coordinator Sherrone Moore taking Harbaugh's place, it became Michigan vs. Everybody and nobody could stop the Wolverines.

Harbaugh returned for the postseason, completed the mission and got to celebrate with his 84-year-old father, Jack — himself a former college football coach — as he accepted the trophy.

Michigan became the first college football program to record 1,000 victories when it beat Maryland in November and won its third national title in January.

"Who has it better than us?" Jack Harbaugh asked the fans during the trophy ceremony. They replied with a boisterous: "Nobody!"

Now the question is whether Harbaugh has coached the team he once quarterbacked for the last time, with the NFL seemingly beckoning again.

Harbaugh said it felt good to no longer be the only coach in the family without a national championship. His father won a Division I-AA title with Western Kentucky and brother John won a Super Bowl with the Baltimore Ravens by beating Jim's San Francisco 49ers 11 years ago.

"I can now sit at the big person's table in the family," Harbaugh said.

As for what's next?

"I just want to enjoy this," he said. "I hope you give me that. Can I have that? Does it always have to be what's next, what's the future?"

What's next for Harbaugh?

Will Michigan coach stay or go back to NFL

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

HOUSTON — Michigan's climb back to the summit of college football ended with its 34-13 win over Washington in the College Football Playoff championship game on Monday night.

Next, the Wolverines and their fans wait and see if Jim Harbaugh stays or goes.

Harbaugh, as he did during the lead-up to the championship, deflected all questions about his future an hour after the game and again Tuesday. But decision time is drawing near as NFL franchises begin or consider searching for new coaches. "I just want to enjoy this. I hope you give me that. Can a guy have that?" Harbaugh said after the game. "Does it always have to be, 'What's next, what's the future?' "

Harbaugh looked into NFL jobs the last two years before deciding to stay at Michigan. It's possible he won't this time, especially with the school facing possible NCAA sanctions for recruiting violations and the sign-stealing scandal that hung over the team all season.

There is also the question of what's left to accomplish at Michigan for the 60-year-old Harbaugh. The "Michigan Man" did what he set out to do when he left the San Francisco 49ers in 2014 to return to Ann Arbor, where his father was an assistant under Bo Schembechler and where he was a star quarterback in the mid-1980s.

Running back Blake Corum pointed out Harbaugh has been a winner at each of his coaching stops.

"So who wouldn't want him?" Corum said. "When things come up like that, hey, you've got to do what's best for you. You have a great coach like that, everybody wants a piece of you."

Harbaugh took over a proud program humbled under Rich Rodriguez and Brady Hoke and has gone 89-25 over nine years, six with at least 10 wins. His only losing record came during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season.

The last three years mark one of the most dominant periods in the history of the only program to win more than 1,000 games. The Wolverines have gone 40-3, won three straight Big Ten championships, made three consecutive playoff appearances and now are national champions. Harbaugh's father, Jack, and NFL coach brother John watched his moment of triumph inside NRG Stadium.

Harbaugh did divulge one of his future plans after the game. He said he would make good on his promise to get a tattoo saying "15-0" if the Wolverines had a perfect season.

"I'm going to put it on my shoulder — I don't know if it's my left or right yet," he said. "I'm a right-handed quarterback. I'll probably get it on my right. And then an 'M' that's a maize and blue 'M.' Also that signifies a thousand in Roman numerals. Can't tell you what that means to us, too, that we reached 1,000 wins this year."

The Wolverines' 28 wins over the last two years are the most over back-to-back seasons in program history.

Michigan has said it wants to retain Harbaugh, but the coach put off contract talks, perhaps a sign he wants to entertain NFL offers.

As great a season as it was, the road to 15-0 was bumpy. Harbaugh served a school-imposed, three-game suspension to start the season for the alleged recruiting violations during the pandemic. He also was suspended for the last three regular-season games for violating the Big Ten sportsmanship policy in connection to the sign-stealing scheme blamed on a staffer who resigned during the season.

Harbaugh said the championship victory was glorious.

"We stood strong and tall because we knew we were innocent," Harbaugh said. "It went exactly how we wanted it to go. It went exactly how we wanted it to go."

Michigan fourth-year defensive end Braiden McGregor said Harbaugh is always helpful and happy for players who decide to pursue an NFL career.

"So I think that's the same way we should feel about him," McGregor said before the game. "If that is his decision at the end of the day or he does get a job, happy for him, hopefully he can go win a Super Bowl. But if he comes back, happy that he comes back, let's try to win another natty."

Michigan's ability to repeat hinges on decisions by Harbaugh, key players

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

HOUSTON — After winning its first national championship in 26 years, Michigan heads into an uncertain future.

Who stays, who goes and is a repeat possible in an expanded and loaded Big Ten that will include the Washington team the Wolverines beat 34-13 in the national championship game?

The biggest question after Michigan wrapped up a 15-0 season is the status of coach Jim Harbaugh. The ninth-year coach has led his alma mater to three straight Big Ten titles and College Football Playoff appearances and is the top target for NFL teams with head coach openings. Harbaugh has not commented about his intentions.

Several players also are considering whether to enter the NFL draft or return to school with NCAA sanctions possibly coming.

Third-year quarterback J.J. McCarthy is widely projected to be a late first-round pick if he decides to declare. Fourth-year running back Blake Corum strongly considered entering the draft a year ago and indicated Tuesday he would move on after being named offensive player of the game Monday night.

Receiver Roman Wilson and four of the five starting offensive linemen also have decisions to make.

The Wolverines' defense led the nation in fewest points and yards allowed per game and could lose as many as eight starters depending on how many choose to declare.

One who will return is second-year cornerback Will Johnson, the defensive player of the game Monday. He said there is enough talent waiting in the wings to make Michigan a factor again.

"We had a great group of guys that will be back next year that are super talented in my class, and other guys that will come back, too," he said. "So I'm just ready to keep enjoying this while I can and get back to work whenever we get started again."

Oddsmakers aren't forecasting a repeat for the Wolverines. FanDuel Sportsbook on Tuesday listed them as the fifth betting choice behind Georgia, Alabama, Ohio State and Texas.

"I definitely think the guys will run it back," Corum said. "They know what it takes. They know what it's like. And something Coach Harbaugh always says is don't get a big head. And none of the guys on the team will have a big head after this win."

Harbaugh repeated his postgame comment about why his players didn't become distracted by off-field matters. Harbaugh twice served three-game suspensions, the first imposed by the school for recruiting violations and the second by the Big Ten for the sign-stealing scheme that hung over the program all season. The NCAA continues to investigate both cases.

"We knew we were innocent," he said. "We stood tall, upright and innocent."

Going 15-0, he said, was the result of "good old-fashioned, roll-up-your-sleeve hard work and teamwork."

"It's been a beautiful thing," he said. "You're chasing perfection, and it's hard to be perfect. And it rarely comes around."

Harbaugh also used what might have been his final news conference as Michigan's coach to reiterate his belief that college athletes deserve to share in the revenue they help generate.

"We're all robbing the same train," he said. "And the ones that are in the position to do the heavy lifting, the ones that risk life and limb out there on the football field are the players. And not just football players, student-athletes. The organizations are fighting hard to keep all the money — the universities, the NCAA, the conferences. It's long past time to let the student-athletes share in the ever-increasing revenues."

Harbaugh said he would encourage college athletes to form a union if stakeholders aren't willing to share the wealth voluntarily. He has suggested coaches, conferences and the NCAA take 5% or 10% of the money they make and put it in a pool to pay athletes.

Harbaugh drew laughs from reporters when he expressed his willingness to meet with NCAA officials to discuss the issue.

"I think they know my number," he said.

Michigan voted a unanimous No. 1 in final AP poll

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Michigan was voted a unanimous No. 1 in the final Associated Press Top 25 college football poll of the season after the Wolverines beat Washington in the College Football Playoff championship game Monday night to win their first national title in 26 years.

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That year, Washington was No. 1 in the final coaches' poll to claim its only national title.

Texas (12-2) was third, its best ranking since finishing second in 2009. Georgia (13-1) was fourth and Alabama (12-2), which ended the Bulldogs' 29-game winning streak in the Southeastern Conference title games to make the playoff, was fifth.

Florida State (13-1) and Oregon (12-2) finished tied for sixth.

The Seminoles' only loss came in a lopsided Orange Bowl against Georgia after they became the first unbeaten Power Five conference champion to be left out of the playoff and many of their top players opted out of the bowl.

Missouri was eighth and Mississippi was ninth to give the SEC four teams in the top 10. For the Tigers, it was their best finish since landing at No. 5 in 2013.

Ohio State was 10th, the Buckeyes' worst final ranking since they were 12th in 2013.

Clemson moved back into the poll at No. 20 to extend its streak of being ranked to end the season to 13 years, the second-longest in the nation behind Alabama's 16.

Kentucky No. 1 team all-time in 75 years of AP Top 25 polls

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Since The Associated Press began ranking teams in January 1949, when Saint Louis was installed at No. 1, many schools have laid claim to the crown. Some fell by the wayside, replaced by others that climbed the venerable poll. But through the vast changes that have have transformed college basketball, and more than 1,200 polls that have tried to make sense of it all, one thing has remained constant: Kentucky is usually somewhere near the top. To celebrate this month's 75th anniversary of the Top 25, the AP reviewed every poll to determine the all-time No. 1 and the Wildcats — the winningest program in college basketball — narrowly edged North Carolina for the top of the heap.

Sustained excellence is difficult to achieve in any sport.

It takes hiring the right coaches, year after year.

A constant stream of great players to replace those that depart. It takes luck, to be sure, but also passionate fans, elite facilities, proper marketing and the flexibility to adapt to the times.

In college basketball, those that get the mixture right just might land atop the AP Top 25.

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"When I got here," current Kentucky coach John Calipari recalled, "it was just knowing that it matters in this state. The fans are incredibly engaged. There were people who knew more about our recruiting than I did. That's when you realize this is different."

It's been that way ever since Adolph Rupp, the Kansas-born farm boy who became the Baron of the Bluegrass, built the Wildcats into a perennial power over 42 seasons starting in 1930.

They eventually supplanted Saint Louis at No. 1 that first season and have rarely strayed too far over the past 75 years. So when teams were awarded points based on where they landed on each ballot, just as they are in the weekly rankings today, Kentucky ended up No. 1 with 17,852 points through last season.

The Tar Heels had 17,268, while Duke, Kansas and UCLA were next.

"They all have an awesome following. They all recruit excellence.

"But it all goes back to the players," said current St. John's coach Rick Pitino, who won national championships at both Kentucky and Louisville, which came in at No. 6 on the all-time list.

"At Kentucky," Pitino said, "every year you can get a great player, from Dan Issel and Pat Riley on down."

Arizona was seventh on the all-time list, followed by Indiana, Syracuse and Michigan State rounding out the top 10.

The list is not intended to crown the greatest college basketball program, because greatness can be measured in different ways: Duke has been the most dominant program over the past three decades; Kansas is considered the cradle of coaches, laying claim in part to not only Rupp and Calipari but North Carolina's Dean Smith and current coach Bill Self; and UCLA has the most national championships with 11. Besides, the final AP poll each season is released before the NCAA Tournament.

Rather, the AP's all-time Top 25 is a measure of sustained excellence as reflected by generations of voters, men and women who have covered the sport and attempted to order the most deserving teams on their weekly ballots.

Did voters get it right over all those years? Pitino thinks so, as do many coaches surveyed by the AP in recent months.

"The AP poll is the one that everybody has a lot of respect for," said Tom Izzo, whose four decades as an assistant and head coach at Michigan State helped land the Spartans in the top 10.

"I think to do something like that means you've been consistent over 75 years. And a lot of those years I wasn't alive, but a lot of those years I was part of it."

Kentucky has appeared in more than 75% of AP polls, while Duke has been No. 1 more than any other program.

"I think the poll got it right," said ESPN analyst Dick Vitale, a longtime AP voter. "The voters take it seriously and make sure the most deserving teams are ranked. There's a reason those teams are called the bluebloods, and this lends credence to that."

START TO FINISH

There have been 14 teams that were wire-to-wire No. 1, including Gonzaga during a 2020-21 season perhaps best remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bulldogs' perfect season ended against Baylor in the national title game.

Half of those wire-to-wire teams went on to win the title: Bill Russell and San Francisco in 1956; John Wooden's teams at UCLA in 1967, '69, '72 and '73; Indiana in 1976, the last team to finish a season unbeaten; and the Duke team in 1992 that needed a heroic shot from Christian Laettner to beat Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament, then toppled Michigan for the title.

Three other wire-to-wire No. 1s had perfect seasons end in the tourney: Ohio State in 1961, UNLV in '91 and Kentucky in '15.

THE NUMBERS GAME

There have been 206 teams in the poll, including 13 that have made a single appearance. The most recent was Old Dominion, which was ranked No. 25 on Jan. 1, 2015, lost to Western Kentucky and has yet to return.

UCLA holds the record for consecutive polls at 221, beginning the 1966-67 season at No. 1 and sticking around until a loss to USC on Jan. 12, 1980. The longest streak entering 2024 belonged to Gonzaga, whose run of 142 barely stayed alive when the Bulldogs fell 11 places to No. 24 in the poll released Jan. 1.

REMEMBER ME

Eleven programs that made the Top 25 no longer play at college basketball's highest level.

Some of them, such as Wayne State and West Texas A&M, dropped to Division II. Beloit, New York and Hamline, which played the first recorded intercollegiate game in 1895, are among those that dropped to the Division III level.

Some are no longer around at all. Texas-Pan American merged with Texas-Brownsville to create Texas-Rio Grande Valley, which does play Division I hoops. St. Francis (Brooklyn) ended all intercollegiate athletics last year due to financial concerns.

SPECIAL AND SUPERLATIVE

Given current conference configurations, the ACC had the most schools in the all-time top 10 (four) and was tied with the Big Ten for the most in the Top 25 with seven apiece. The Big East was next with four, followed by the Big 12 with three.

Kansas and Michigan share the record for the biggest poll jump, going from out of the rankings to No. 4 the following week. The Jayhawks accomplished the feat on Nov. 27, 1990, while the Wolverines did it on Dec. 2, 2020.

Maryland is the highest-ranked team in the all-time poll never to reach the top spot in the AP Top 25, though the 16th-ranked Terrapins have spent 25 weeks at No. 2. Next on the list of never-No. 1s is Utah at No. 43 in the all-time poll.

No preseason No. 1 team has won the national championship since North Carolina in 2009. Kentucky in 2012 was the last No. 1 entering the NCAA Tournament to cut down the nets. Each of the last eight champions have been in the top 10, though.

Seven schools have spent a single glorious week at No. 1: Oklahoma State (1951), Wichita State (1964), South Carolina (1969), Georgia Tech (1985), Iowa (1987), Saint Joseph's (2004) and Wisconsin (2007).

Nebraska beats Purdue for 1st win over top-ranked team

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska coach Fred Hoiberg had a single word to describe the Huskers biggest win in 40 years, Tuesday's 88-72 upset of No. 1 Purdue.

Hoiberg called it "incredible."

"I'm just so proud of the guys for coming out and getting off to a really good start," he said. "This is a huge win for our program, to come out here and knock off what I think is the best team in the country. It shows us what we're capable of doing."

Nebraska (13-3, 3-2 Big Ten) last defeated a No. 1 team 41 years ago, when it beat top-ranked Missouri 67-51. The Huskers last win over a No. 1 in Lincoln was a 74-73 victory over Michigan in 1962.

No. 2 Houston also lost on Tuesday, 57-53 to Iowa State, the first time since Feb. 26, 2022 when the No. 1 and No. 2 team lost on the same day during the regular season. That year it was Gonzaga and Arizona that went down. It is the eighth time since the 2009-2010 season that the top two teams have lost on the same day in the regular season.

The Huskers got the win, Hoiberg said, with the fast start fueled by forward Rienk Mast, who scored Nebraska's first seven points and led the defense that locked down Purdue's Zach Edey, who had just two points in the first half.

"It doesn't get much bigger than this one, the No. 1 team, the reigning National Player of the Year," Mast said. "I just see that as a challenge and luckily, the shots were going in in the beginning and gave the team a little spark and everybody started believing."

Nebraska built an 11-point halftime lead by holding Purdue scoreless for the final 3 1/2 minutes of the first half, scoring 13 unanswered in a run that began with a pair of 3-pointers by Keisei Tominaga and ended with seven straight from Sam Hoiberg, the coach's son.

"That was the difference in the game," Purdue coach Matt Painter said of the Nebraska halftime lead.

"We had a couple good fights there in the second half to where pulled within single digits and one time we got it to two, then they pushed it right back to double digits."

Purdue hit its first four 3-pointers of the second half as it sliced the Nebraska lead to 51-50 on Braden Smith's free throws with 13:51 left.

But the Huskers countered with a 14-2 run to go up by 13 on C.J. Wilcher's 3-pointer with 11:52 remaining.

The Boilermakers surged again, cutting the Nebraska lead to 68-62 on Lance Jones' driving layup with 9:09 left.

The Huskers responded with a 3-pointer by Wilcher that started a 20-10 game ending run.

Nebraska fans stormed the floor at the buzzer, Hoiberg got doused with water both on the court and off, and the Huskers relished the rare win over the top ranked team.

"It was huge, man, a great thing to see," Wilcher said.

"To be a part of this game, just see the growth of our program, to be a part of this is a great experience.

"It's kind of like full circle from where we came from my first year. It was great. It was dope. I've never experienced that kind of game."

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: The Boilermakers continued a long-running pattern Tuesday by losing when they have more than 12 turnovers. Purdue turned it over 14 times against the Huskers.

Nebraska: The Huskers are now 24-4 when scoring more than 80 points under coach Fred Hoiberg. Nebraska is 19-6 over its last 25 games dating to Feb. 1, 2023.

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Bengals get to brink of playoffs without Burrow

Free agent decisions loom

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — After Joe Burrow was lost for the season with a wrist injury in November, coach Zac Taylor insisted the Bengals had been built to win even without their franchise quarterback.

Well, yes and no.

Backup Jake Browning exceeded expectations by winning three of his first four starts, helping Cincinnati get into the heat of the playoff race the week before Christmas.

But then Browning threw three interceptions at Pittsburgh, and the Steelers — behind third-string quarterback Mason Rudolph — shredded Cincinnati 34-11.

The chaos of the AFC playoff race gave the Bengals another chance to stay in it by beating Kansas City. The Chiefs relied on six field goals to win 25-17.

Browning, a former practice squad quarterback, showed he can play in the NFL, but the Bengals had too many other weaknesses to win consistently without the creative Burrow there to rescue his team from dire situations.

The Bengals had trouble running the ball. Receivers Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins played through injuries. The defense struggled to stop the run. Communication problems among young defensive backs led to receivers running open.

Cincinnati (9-8) was 1-5 against AFC North opponents, finally beating Cleveland in the season finale with the Browns resting most their starters for the playoffs. The Bengals missed the postseason for the first time in three years. The previous two seasons, they reached the Super Bowl and the AFC championship game.

"Their character cannot be questioned. What they went through and what they gave us this year, I'm so proud of them for continuing to stay together," Taylor said. "You never saw anyone point fingers."

In the early games of 2023, Burrow's mobility was affected by a calf injury. With Burrow improving, the Bengals finally started to surge, winning four of five before playing at Baltimore on Nov. 16. Burrow tore a ligament in his right wrist in the first half against the Ravens, ending his season.

"Going in Baltimore, I felt really good about where we were," Burrow said Monday. "Obviously, it didn't play out the way we wanted it to. It was a weird year. Never felt like we really reached our potential to what we were. And then obviously, the injury happened right where we usually start to take that jump in the year, where we had in years past, so it was a tough year."

BURROW TIMELINE

Burrow, who had surgery to repair the torn ligament, said it will be a couple months before he can start throwing again.

"I think I should be good by OTAs (in May and June)," he said. "We'll see, (it's) pretty early."

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Burrow signed a five-year, $275 million contract extension before the season. Chase, one of the best wideouts in the league, is eligible for an extension, and the Bengals want to lock him down, too.

That leaves the team with decisions to make about its other unrestricted free agents. Topping that list are receivers Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd, nose tackle D.J. Reader, cornerback Chidobe Awuzie and tackle Jonah Williams.

Browning is also a free agent and likely will be looking for more money from the Bengals or another team.

"I think that I've established that I'm capable of being a starter in the NFL," the 27-year-old Browning said. "Obviously, a weird situation where I feel like I'm one of the top 32 quarterbacks in the world, and I just so happen to be on a roster with a guy who's proven that he's a top five quarterback in the world. So, what that looks like going forward, I have no idea."

MIXON'S FUTURE

Veteran running back Joe Mixon restructured his contract with a pay cut to stay with the Bengals in 2023. With fleet rookie Chase Brown flashing talent that should earn him more playing time in the future, Cincinnati will have to decide whether to keep the 27-year-old Mixon. He rushed for over 1,000 yards for the fourth time in his career, but his only 100-yard game came Sunday against Cleveland's backups. The Bengals' run game was the second worst in the NFL.

Colts owner Irsay treated for severe respiratory illness

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay is being treated for a severe respiratory illness and will be unable to perform with his band later this week, team officials said Tuesday.

The announcement comes three days after Indy (9-8) was eliminated from playoff contention with a 23-19 loss to the Houston Texans.

"He is receiving excellent care and looks forward to returning to the stage as soon as possible," the team said in a statement. "We'll have no additional information at this time, and we ask that you respect the privacy of Jim and his family as he recovers."

The Jim Irsay Band was scheduled to perform in Los Angeles on Thursday night as part of the next Jim Irsay Collection tour stop, which allows the public to view a unique variety of pop culture items such as sports memorabilia, musical instruments and original printed works.

The 64-year-old Irsay began running the team's day-to-day operations in 1995 after his father, Robert, suffered a stroke. When his father died in 1997, he won a legal battle with his stepmother to keep the franchise.

Irsay has been a fixture around team headquarters since his father bought the Los Angeles Rams and swapped franchises with the late Carroll Rosenbloom to acquire the Colts, starting his career as a ballboy when Hall of Fame quarterback John Unitas was still playing in Baltimore.

Following the Colts' move from Baltimore to Indy in 1984, Irsay became the league's youngest general manager at age 25.

The Colts have won one Super Bowl and two AFC titles during Irsay's tenure.

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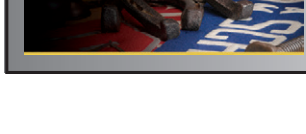

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Richardson, Taylor give Colts a promising future

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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While this season was supposed to be measured by Anthony Richardson's progression, Indy got strong enough play from backup quarterback Gardner Minshew and backup running back Zack Moss that it came within 15 yards, 66 seconds and perhaps one dropped pass from winning its first AFC South crown since 2014.

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts got a glimpse of their future with quarterback Anthony Richardson in 2023.

Now, they can start dreaming about all the new possibilities.

Two days after falling a win short of the playoffs, Indy's players cleaned out their lockers and reflected on their accomplishments during coach Shane Steichen's first season — and what next season might look like.

"That's going to be a really awesome sight to see," running back Jonathan Taylor said when asked about playing with Richardson. "What I saw from watching the tape and what I saw in person, he's very, very talented. But he's also eager to learn. Any time you've got someone talented like that, with that hunger to learn, you'd better watch out because those are the ones who are going to be special."

The Colts (9-8) were eager to see that backfield pairing during the 2023 season.

But Taylor's lingering ankle injury forced him to miss Indy's offseason workouts, training camp, the entire preseason and the first four weeks of the regular season. By the time the 2021 NFL rushing champ returned in Week 5, Richardson was making his fourth career start.

Then, after the pair took exactly one snap together, Richardson suffered a season-ending shoulder injury.

Still, the Colts saw enough from Richardson to believe they made the right choice with the No. 4 overall draft pick last spring and enough of a healthy Taylor to start envisioning the stress the duo can put on defenses next season.

"Anthony got a chance to sit back and watch and learn, really just seeing the NFL season as a whole," Steichen said. "Obviously, we would have loved to have had him out there for the season to have him learn that way. What happened to him was unfortunate, but I think it's going to make us stronger."

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HOW DID THE COLTS DO IT?

Indy's offensive line rebounded from a dismal 2022 to establish itself as one of the league's premier units, and Steichen's offense produced about eight more points per game than the Colts did in 2022 under coach Frank Reich and his interim replacement, Jeff Saturday.

Defensively, the Colts recorded a franchise-record 51 sacks. Indy's young secondary endured some midseason growing pains but showed steady improvement as the season wore on. Linebacker Zaire Franklin recorded a franchise-record 179 tackles despite missing one game.

Those promising developments — along with Taylor's re-emergence and Richardson's strong start — provide hope for the future.

"The natural reflection is you look back at where we were a year ago to where we are now, I mean, guys' lives have changed. Guys are in different places," Pro Bowl center Ryan Kelly said. "But we're certainly much better, much closer than we were a year ago."

PITTMAN'S NEXT STEP

Taylor signed a three-year contract extension in October and now the Colts must decide how they can best keep Taylor's draft classmate, leading receiver Michael Pittman Jr.

He caught a career-best 109 passes — with his production increasing after he asked for more targets during a midseason meeting with Steichen and general manager Chris Ballard — and produced his second 1,000-yard season. And Pittman doesn't view the possibility of receiving the franchise tag as all bad, either.

"I don't think anyone would be displeased with $23 million," he said. "The franchise is almost like a tag of respect. Obviously, you get paid in the top five at your position. Do I necessarily want to play on one? No, but you can use that to work toward a long-term deal as well."

MORE ON FREE AGENCY

Pittman is one of 14 Colts players set to become unrestricted free agents and the list includes some familiar names.

While Minshew, who won a career-high seven games, and Moss, Indy's leader in yards rushing (794 yards) and total yards (955), are expected to look for starting jobs elsewhere, the tougher decisions may be what to do with three key starters — defensive tackle Grover Stewart, Pro Bowl cornerback Kenny Moore II and safety Julian Blackmon.

NEXT STEPS

The Colts will be monitoring Richardson's recovery from shoulder surgery. The hope is that he runs with more discretion so he can stay healthy — and take the Colts back to the playoffs.

Then come the decisions. Defensive coordinator Gus Bradley has been under fire since the Colts gave up 114 points during October's three-game losing streak. On Monday, Steichen wouldn't hint if there would be staff changes, saying he valued continuity.

Indy's deep passing game also struggled this season, and while Richardson's strong arm would provide a boost, another potential solution would be to draft a receiver with the No. 15 overall pick.

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ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA		(:45) NBA Basketball				(:05) NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ✯ Fast & Furious Presents: H...				✯★★★ Free Guy ('21) Ryan Reynolds.					✯ Super Troope...	
HBO	201	17	(4:55) ✯★★ Pearl Harbor ('01)				✯★★★ Live Free or Die Hard				(:10) ✯★★ Run All Night		
MAX	270	73	(:20) ✯★ Zookeeper ('11)				✯★★ Don't Let Go ('19)		(:45) ✯★ Paranoia ('13)				
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	✯ Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard				To Be Announced		
SHOW	221	16	(5:00) ✯ Scream VI		(:05) ✯★ Mafia Mamma ('23)				✯★★ Shooter ('07)				Movie
TMC	233	74	(:15) ✯ Perks of Being a Wallflower				✯★★★ Florence Foster Jenkins				✯★★★ Red Rocket ('21)		
TNT	27	43	(4:30) ✯ Justice L...		✯★★ Aquaman ('18) Amber Heard, Jason Momoa.						Rampage (N)		Movie
USA	26	33	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1 "Fallout"		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	(4:30) NFL Football				NFL	Deal or..	(:05) America's Got "Qualifiers 2"				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	The Equalizer		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		(4:30) NFL Football				NFL	Deal or..	(:05) America's Got "Qualifiers 2"				News
8 WISH	12		News	IntoWi..	The Rookie		I Am Paul Walker (N)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	Jeopardy!		Jeopardy!		Jeopardy!		News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		Jeopardy!		Jeopardy!		Jeopardy!		News
15 WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	✯★★★ The Birdcage ('96)				ACL
19 WXIX	10		Builds	Detroit	Engine	Tip-Off	Basketball Indiana at Iowa (N)				FOX19 (N)		Shazam
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	TBA	The Equalizer		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours		News
34 WBKI	7	7	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	TwoM..	TwoM..	I Am Paul Walker (N)				The Rookie		9-1-1
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:00) ✯ Warrior		Griffith	Tip-Off	Basketball Indiana at Iowa (N)				WDRB News		Shazam
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Buddy (N)		Neighb..
AMC	29	26	(4:30) ✯★★ Armageddon ('98)				✯★★ Clash of the Titans ('10)					✯★★★ 300 ('06)	
COM	45	59	Office	Office	✯★★ We're the Millers ('13)				✯★★ Daddy's Home ('15)				
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Miraculous		Ghost	Ghost	Dragon		Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ghost
ESPN	32	44	Basketball Houston at TCU (N)				Basketball Cincinnati at Baylor				Boxing		
FREE	18	40	(5:15) ✯ Lion King		(:20) ✯★★★★ Finding Nemo ('03)					(:50) ✯★★★ Finding Dory ('16)			
FX	40	28	✯★★★ The Simpsons Movie ('07)				✯ The Bob's Burgers Movie (P)				✯ Bob's Burgers Movie		
HBO	201	17	(:15) ✯★★ XXX: State of the Union				✯★★ The A-Team ('10)				✯★★ Meg 2: The Trench		
MAX	270	73	✯★★ 3 Days to Kill ('14)				✯★★ American Heist			(:35) ✯★★ Paycheck ('03)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(4:30) ✯ Baby Dri...		✯★★★ The Italian Job ('03)					✯★★★ Creed ('15)			
SHOW	221	16	(5:00) ✯ Four Br...		✯★★★★ The Godfather ('72) Marlon Brando.						✯ The Godfather, Part II		
TMC	233	74	(:20) ✯★★ Men ('22) Jessie Buckley.				✯ Post Mortem ('20) Viktor Klem.				✯ Wrong Turn ('21)		
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ✯★★ The Accountant ('16)				Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)				Wrestling (SP)		Movie
USA	26	33	(5:30) C..	Chicago Fire		Chi. Fire (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chi. Fire (N)	

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Extend..	Football	(:15) Football Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions (N) (Live)						
4 WTTV	4		CBSN..	CBS4..	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowst. (SP)		Yellowstone (N)		Yellowstone (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Extend..	Football	(:15) Football Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions (N) (Live)						
8 WISH	12		Awards (N)		29th Annual Critics' Choice Awards (N) (Live)						News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos (N)		Fun Videos		✯★★★ The Lion King ('94)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos (N)		Fun Videos		✯★★★ The Lion King ('94)				News
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Worsley		Miss Scarlet (N)		Creatures (N)		Funny Wo (N)		Summ..
19 WXIX	10		(4:30) NFL Football			Postga..	We-Family (N)		Burgers	Family..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	TBA	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowst. (SP)		Yellowstone (N)		Yellowstone (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Awards (N)		29th Annual Critics' Choice Awards (N) (Live)						BigBa..	BigBa..	House..
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:30) NFL Football			Postga..	We-Family (N)		Burgers	Family..	WDRB News		Worry
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ✯★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.						Monsieur Spade (N) (P)		(:35) ✯ Gladiator		
COM	45	59	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Homestead "Texas Rift" (N)				Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead		Homes..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	✯ Proud Family Movie			Marvel..	Marvel..	Marvel..	Hamst..
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Basketball		2024 Australian Open Tennis First Round (N) (Live)								Sports..
FREE	18	40	(4:40) ✯ Incredibl...		(:20) ✯★★★ Monsters, Inc. ('01)					(:25) ✯★★★ Monsters University			
FX	40	28	(4:00) ✯ Avenger...		✯★★★ Avengers: Endgame ('19) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr..								Movie
HBO	201	17	(4:45) ✯ Jurassic ...		(:55) ✯★★★ Barbie ('23)				True (N) (SP)		True "Part 1"		True
MAX	270	73	(:10) ✯ Backstabbing for Beginners				✯★★★ Predator ('87)			(:45) ✯★★★ Black Mass ('15)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		BarRe..
SHOW	221	16	The Curse		The Curse		Mayor of (N)		The Curse (SF)		(:10) ✯★★ Scream VI ('23)		
TMC	233	74	Movie	✯ Mercy ('23)			✯★★★★ There Will Be Blood ('07)					✯ Dead for a D...	
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ✯★★★ Doctor Strange ('16)				✯★★★ Thor: Ragnarok ('17)					✯ Thor: Ragna...	
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	America's Got "Qualifiers 3" (N)				The Irrational		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	America's Got "Qualifiers 3" (N)				The Irrational		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	✯ I Am MLK Jr. ('18) (P)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Count..	Football Philadelphia Eagles at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (N)						
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Count..	NFL Football						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Alice Houston		The Story of ...		POV (N)		
19 WXIX	10		(5:00) Bowling		Wheel	Jeopar..	75th Primetime Emmy Awards (N) (Live)						FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		News
34 WBKI	7	7	WDR..	News	Sheldon	BigBa..	✯ I Am MLK Jr. ('18) (P)				WDRB News		WDR..
41 WDRB	8	9	(5:00) Bowling		FamFe..	FamFe..	75th Primetime Emmy Awards (N) (Live)						WDR..
A&E	28	36	First 48 "M.I.A."		The First 48		Hoarders "Bob" (N)				Secrets of (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	(4:00) ✯ Star Tre...		✯★★★ Men in Black ('97)				✯★★ Men in Black II ('02)				Movie
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Contraband		Contraband		Contraband		Contraband		Caught!	Caught!	Caught!
DISN	25	29	(:15) ✯★★★ Tangled ('10)				LEGO Friends		Ghost	Ghost	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	LEGO
ESPN	32	44	Monday Night (N) (Live)				NFL Football						Postga..
FREE	18	40	Movie	✯★★★★ Wreck-It Ralph ('12)				✯★★★ Ralph Breaks the Internet ('18)					700Club
FX	40	28	(4:00) ✯ Green B...		✯★★★ Hidden Figures ('16) Taraji P. Henson.						✯★★★ Hidden Figures		
HBO	201	17	(5:25) ✯★★★★★ The Dark Knight				True "Part 1"		(:05) ✯ Our Idiot Brother			(:40) ✯ Get Smart	
MAX	270	73	(5:50) ✯★★★ Knocked Up ('07)				✯★★ Life After Beth			✯ Buffy the Vampire Sla...			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Special Election (N) (Live)						Special
PARMT	35	41	(5:00) ✯ Indiana Jones & the Last C...				✯★★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)					✯ Indiana Jone...	
SHOW	221	16	(4:35) ✯ The Godfather, Part II				Halo (N)		Halo (N)		✯ Everything Everywher...		
TMC	233	74	(:10) ✯ Out of the Blue ('22)				✯ The Collective ('23)			✯ Bull ('21) Neil Maskell.			✯ X
TNT	27	43	NBA Basketball					In NBA (N)		ShaqLi..	ShaqLi..	✯ Black Panther	
USA	26	33	9-1-1		9-1-1		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Bar (N)

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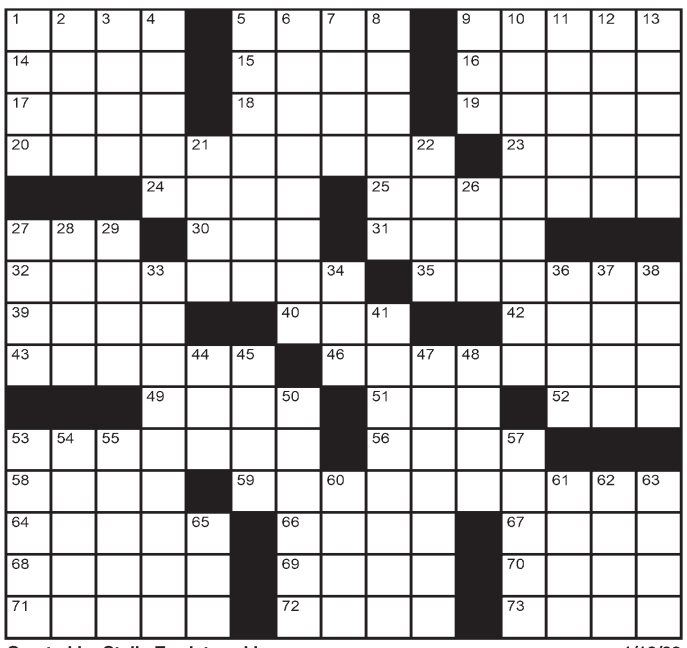
ACROSS
1 Brit baby carriage
5 Kitty's sound
9 Practices boxing
14 Mystical glow
15 As well
16 Knot again
17 Begin to move
18 Go up
19 Potter's Potions professor
20 2014 Taylor Swift #1
23 Long slog
24 Indigenous Scandinavian people
25 Mischievous youngsters
27 Defunct airline
30 "Ghosts" network
31 Brand symbol
32 Construction workers' headgear
35 Prada's sister brand
39 Archipelago part
40 Look at
42 Separate by type
43 Athletic pursuits
46 Scholar's sphere
49 Performs like Dr. Dre
51 Mustangs' sch.
52 Flue flakes
53 Meticulous craftsperson
56 "___ of the D'Urbervilles"
58 Bourbon grain
59 Fuzzy eight-legged critters
64 Last Greek letter
66 Bread with chutney
67 Water carrier
68 Enjoys a newspaper
69 Give off
70 Odd's opposite
71 Totally uncool
72 Risque
73 Musical silence

DOWN
1 Quarterback throw
2 Book after Judges
3 Opera solo
4 Old German money
5 Xylophone-like instrument
6 Snobs
7 ___ buco
8 Deplorably bad
9 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
10 Top-floor apartment
11 Pong maker
12 Mature
13 Tries to find
21 A pop
22 Gift tag word
26 Movie explosion tech
27 ___ end up
28 Stinging insect
29 Guitar-playing Guthrie
33 Heroic spirit
34 Vast body of water
36 "Starry Night" spot, for short
37 Colored eye part
38 Salt Lake City's state
41 Beyond delighted
44 Prof's helpers
45 Minor argument
47 Free wi-fi, say
48 Shelf accumulation
50 Trap setter
53 Squirrel's morsel
54 Juliet's love
55 Trick or ___
57 "Splendid!"
60 Italia's capital
61 As it happens
62 Mimics
63 Shipped
65 Pose a question



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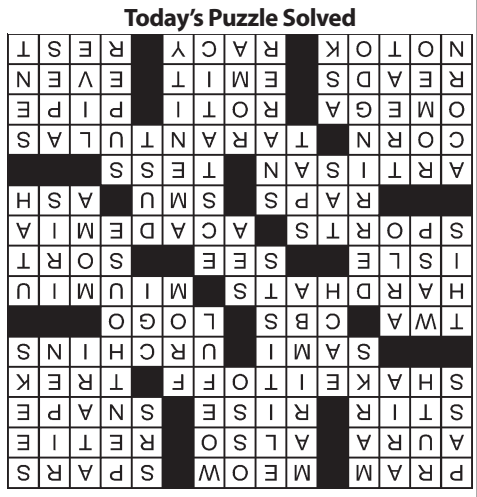

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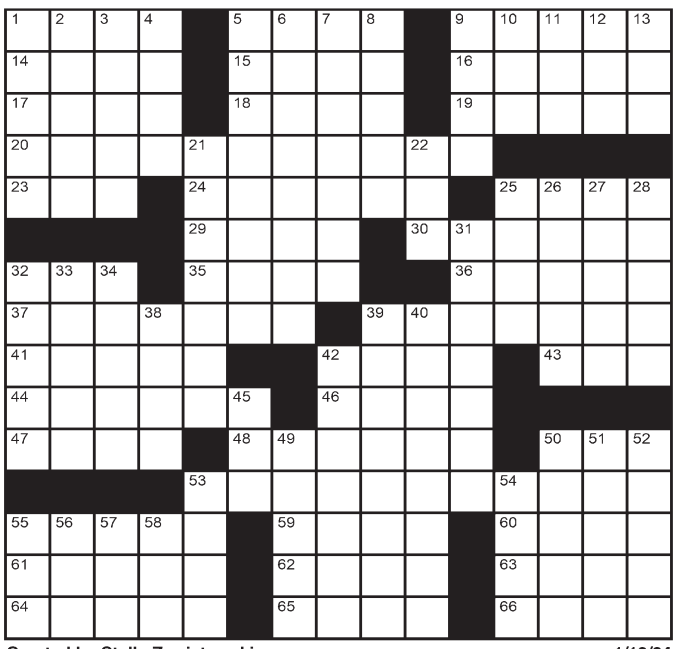
ACROSS
1 Small amount of salt
5 Repast
9 Closest to nothing
14 Neighborhood
15 ___ hurry (not rushing)
16 New Delhi's land
17 Slanted for emphasis: Abbr.
18 Advertising award
19 Get a rescue dog
20 1994 Olympics host city
23 "Absolutely!"
24 Found new actors for
25 Uses an axe
29 Landed
30 Join a teleconference
32 Opposite of nothing
35 Trig function
36 Fine dinnerware
37 Word before "door" or "scale"
39 Amazon's Kindle, for example
41 Shiny fabric
42 Savagely attack
43 Night school subject: Abbr.
44 Come to the surface
46 Humorist Bombeck
47 Sour-tasting
48 Vitamin B3
50 Compete like Mikaela Shiffrin
53 Have a sleepless night
55 Artistic representation
59 Energy bar with a moon logo
60 Apple tablet
61 Sum
62 Ireland's ___ Islands
63 Get a lower mortgage rate, for short
64 Odor
65 Turn to liquid
66 Noted Deco designer

DOWN
1 Every 24 hours
2 Bandleader Shaw
3 Closes tightly
4 Building passageway
5 Restaurant-rating brand
6 Weaving together
7 Give life to
8 Weaving machines
9 Teller of falsehoods
10 ___ of an era
11 Big fuss
12 Taste a drink
13 Bit of skin art, for short
21 Removing data from
22 LAX posting: Abbr.
25 "Oh, very funny!"
26 Omit in pronunciation
27 Sommelier's drinks
28 Traffic jam
31 Björk's country
32 Good thing to have
33 Andean animal
34 Soda bottle unit
38 Schmutz
39 Passage in the head
40 Cud-chewing animal
42 Gauge the size of
45 Brian of ambient music
49 Mullah's religion
50 Opposite of sub-
51 Cheez Whiz brand
52 Sundance film, for example
53 Narrate
54 Grow fatigued
55 "___ like I told you..."
56 May honoree
57 Had a snack
58 ___ pal (rhyming friend)



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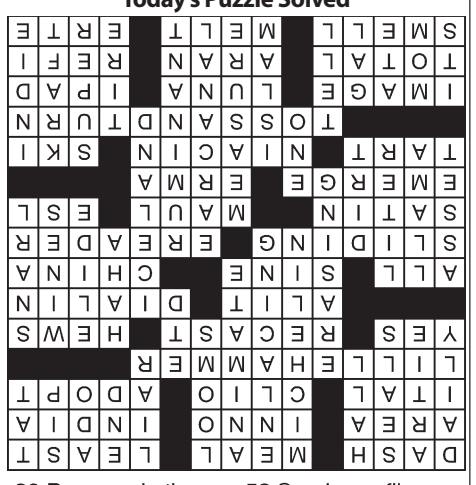

Grieving sister doesn't welcome addition to family

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I lost both my parents a day apart two years ago.

Two years before that, my older sister died. She was 11 years older than me.

My sister was my biggest supporter and was like a second mom. She was a half-sister, but … we were just sisters. I also have two half-brothers 13 and 14 years older, but I'm not as close to them as I was to my sister.

These siblings are all from my mom's first husband, who died of cancer before I was born.

My dad basically raised my older half-siblings from the time they were very young.

A few months after my parents died, I got a message from a DNA site that I have a half-sister.

My dad was in the army and always joked I could have half-siblings somewhere.

The problem is that I don't want to acknowledge or meet this sister.

I feel bad, but to me, I am my dad's only child.

I was raised pretty much as an only child, because my siblings were much older.

I took this DNA test to see my heritage, not even thinking that it could spark a sibling somewhere.

This has totally wrecked my life. This sister keeps messaging me, and I've blocked her on social media.

I don't even want her to see pictures of my family. I feel I can't even post pictures on Facebook for fear she'll see them.

Am I being selfish?

— DNA Gone Wrong

Dear Gone Wrong: I don't think you're being selfish. I do think you're overwhelmed by loss.

You need to give yourself a break. I think it would be wise to step away from all of these triggers and work on your own healing.

Some people might welcome the timing of the emergence of a sibling (after extreme loss, here is a gain), but for you the timing could not be worse.

If you felt more emotionally balanced, however, you might not see this as a life-ruining event.

I'm not saying that you should force yourself to let this person into your world. I am saying that you should put this relationship on a shelf for a while and concentrate entirely on working through the losses you've experienced.

A grief counselor could help you to make sense of your own feelings.

You could find a grief group to attend through social media or by calling your local hospital.

Not-smart daughter breaks smartphone

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My teenage daughter recently came to me saying that she needed a new smartphone. I took a look, and it was basically smashed. She said she was at her friend's house when this happened.

I called the friend's mom, and she told me that both girls had deliberately broken their phones in order to get new ones.

I asked my daughter what had happened and she said, "It just fell onto the driveway." I asked her if she had done this on purpose, and she said no. My wife and I can't quite decide what to do now. She is in favor of getting her a new phone, but I don't want to reward this.

— Broke Dad

Dear Dad: Unless you have purchased insurance, replacing this broken phone could be an expensive proposition. I do believe that it is something of a safety issue for a teenager to have a phone these days, and because of that, she should have one. However, until you/she are eligible for a free upgrade for the latest model, you can offer to purchase a much less expensive flip phone for her to use until she can afford the phone she wants. Experiencing the consequences of this incident should inspire her to be more careful.

Dear Amy: "Patricia" and I have known each other for years. We have always referred to one another as "best friends." A while back, I found out that she did something horrible to a family member of mine, and I was furious. I didn't speak to her for several months and started to make plans to confront her about what she had done. Before I was able to confront her, she found out that her boyfriend flirted with me. Yes, he did flirt with me, but I just ignored him and didn't say anything to her about it. Now Patty blames me for all the emotional turmoil she is going through. This is absurd! I am so sick of her throwing shade at me! Should I confront her about it?

— Over It

Dear Over It: I'm going to go out on a limb and declare that you and "Patty" are not actually best friends and perhaps never have been.

The reason I can say this is because intimate friends tell one another the truth — even when it is challenging or painful to do so.

You state that Patty did a horrible thing to a family member of yours, and yet you ghosted her for months instead of communicating. On Patty's side of things, she is blaming you for the fallout from something her boyfriend did. Again, casting blame without pursuing an explanation is not how friends behave.

Given that so much time has passed and that you have no stated desire to try to repair the relationship, dredging up these episodes might give you two yet another point of conflict.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Follow through on your promises and Do your best to make sure your finances are in order. Relationships among those with differing beliefs can be challenging, do your best to navigate with love.. ,

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be put in contact with some exceptionally talented people whose claim to fame could be what you have always wanted for yourself. Ask the important questions or seek their advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There can be no comparison when it comes to the feeling of being surrounded by loved ones and positive vibes. Remind yourself that you may not need to address every personal challenge immediately.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your unbeatable leadership abilities and natural friendliness can help make you a star. Be aware of hidden rivalries that could stir up animosity in your workplace. Hold off on important decisions for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your success might depend on sound and practical strategies paired with charisma. Analyze your financial status and vision how you could make things better. Do your best to enjoy your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — remind yourself that you do not have to act on every impulse or provocation. Do your best to remain understanding if someone else lacks the wisdom or patience to avoid acting out their aggravation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Enjoy your time in the spotlight. Some people may find you fascinating right now and hang on your every word. Spend some time with the messenger rather than just worrying about the message.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your sensitivity to others and the kind gestures you show them could earn you some new and loyal friends. Facts can be important but the spin being placed on them might require more of your attention currently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — In the final analysis, you may be disappointed by the things you didn't do rather than the things you did. Try not to dwell on the what ifs. If you inadvertently offend someone, offer a sincere apology.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can build a complementary balance between your work schedule and your free time. Upgrade a business meeting by showing off your social skills and apply your business acumen to your household budgeting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Making new friends or contacts can feel exhilarating but be wise and allow time to show you who they are. Don't jump headfirst into a close relationship, allow things to go as slow as needed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may need to rip off the band aid and face an issue. Speak your truth openly instead of bottling your feelings until they fester. promote better understanding and allow time to heal any wounds.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be so carefree and upbeat right now that you forget to add up expenses. Your appetite for the unique or the best that money could buy may spiral into larger debts. avoid extreme spending.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Embrace the latest trends that can steer you towards innovation even if the old routines are still viable. Trying to learn some new tricks could challenge your flexibility but end up being quite rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There can be times when being honest or direct seems like a declaration of war. People may respect your sincerity or admire you for being a straight shooter, but remain sensitive to feelings, too.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — harnessing your enthusiasm while remaining fair to everyone can make you a top-notch performer in most competitions. Your energetic nature might be at odds with those who may just be along for the ride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might be feeling inspired or idealistic about favorite possessions. Be resourceful and use found items or recycle something artistically to help make your home more comfortable. Focus on clearly defined goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Try not to start something that you cannot finish, including an argument. Maintain your momentum with an ongoing project instead of starting something new. Offering some kindness can soothe tensions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If you are willing to compromise about something with good grace you can work to sidestep a dispute. You'd be in a tenser atmosphere if you became so obsessed with something that you refused to give in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You might be fascinated by a get rich quick scheme or become so distracted by a daydream that you ignore the possibility of taking a loss. Don't make investments or spend money on something new now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A close relationship could be heading towards rocky ground. It can be in your best interest to remain polite and unruffled. Avoid arguments whenever possible to help avoid a painful or irritating situation later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The more things change the more they stay the same. Hanging out with some friends could help get you out of a rut and away from a stale routine. Get active and satisfy your need for competition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — When contemplating a major purchase, take the lessons of the past into consideration. It may not be worth your time or effort if an unnecessary expense causes a rift. Follow your instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Do your best to remain calm if someone starts an argument or deliberately pushes your buttons; avoid the urge to retaliate or compete unfairly. Apply your energies as constructively as possible.

LOSS

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CARROLL BOYS LOSE 10TH-STRAIGHT

Carroll County's losing streak reached 10 with a 69-37 loss at home to Gallatin County on Tuesday.

The Panthers were led by Seth Franklin and Braden Stephenson with eight points each while Landon Supplee added seven.

Carroll, which started the season with three-straight wins but hasn't won since, fell to 4-10 overall and 1-3 in 31st District play. The Panthers travel to Eminence on Friday and head to Trimble County on Monday.

MADISON FALLS TO SILVER CREEK

Madison dropped a 58-31 decision at Silver Creek in girls basketball on Tuesday.

Madison, which has now lost eight games in a row, fell to 7-10 on the season. The Cubs host Corydon on Saturday and travel to Scottsburg next Tuesday.

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Carroll County's Landon Groves looks to pass out of a Gallatin County trap during Tuesday's game in Carrollton

Trimble County's Ethan Horn shoots a 3-pointer in the Raiders' loss to Henry County on Tuesday in Bedford.

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